



# Blaendulais Primary School

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## **"Making a Difference" 'Gwneud y Gwahaniaeth'**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good attendance is vital for children to achieve their best and we are here to support our families with this. Poor attendance is closely linked to lower achievement and when a child is absent without explanation, it becomes a safeguarding concern that must be looked at.

As of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, our whole-school attendance was **92.28%**, an improvement on last year. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging daily attendance.

### **How you can help us:**

**Reporting absences** – please let us know by phone, voicemail, email or Dojo and give the reason (rather than just 'ill'). This helps us support your child and keep records accurate.

**Punctuality** – our doors close at 8.50am and lessons begin straight away. Arriving on time helps your child start the day calmly and ready to learn. Breakfast club is free to all, with doors closing at 8.25am.

**Communicate respectfully** – when we ask about absences, it is to keep our registers accurate and ensure children are safe. We kindly ask that you treat staff with courtesy as they carry out this important role.

**Appointments** - whenever possible, please try to arrange these outside of school hours. If your child does need to attend an appointment during the school day, just share a letter or text confirming the appointment so we can authorise the absence.

**Holidays** are unauthorised under Neath Port Talbot Council policy – please complete a holiday form to keep your child's attendance record accurate.

**Speak to us** if you are finding it difficult to get your child to school – we are here to help.

Attendance is monitored closely with the support of our Education Welfare Officer. Our Family Engagement Officer, Ceri, is also available if needed as am I. Together we can make a real difference so please come and talk to us if you need support.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Kind regards,

Mrs. R. Dawson

Headteacher

