

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

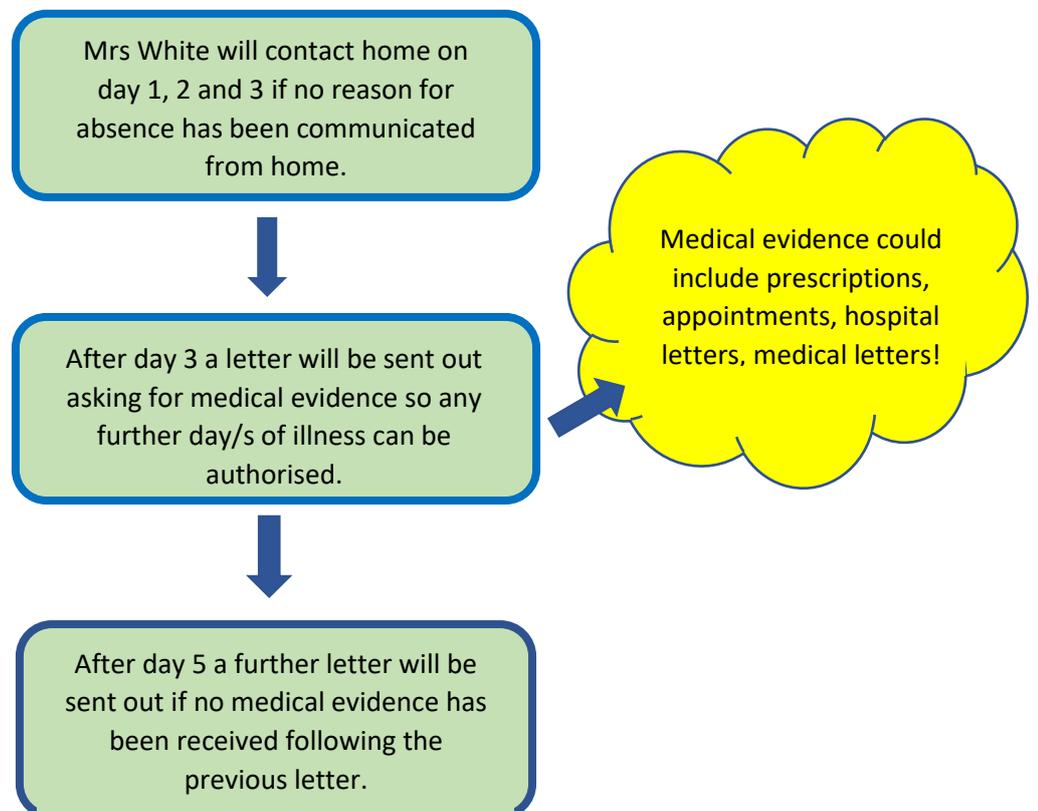
Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, attendance is a focus within education, not only at Ystruth Primary School but across the whole of Wales.

Below is information about how we are going to address attendance in Ystruth Primary School and the actions that will be taken.

Our target for attendance for this year is 92%. Attendance is the responsibility of all stakeholders and we really need your support and cooperation to ensure that attendance of all learners improves. It is your responsibility **each day** to ring school or leave a message via the ParentMail absence line and inform us of your child's absence.

Attendance Pathway:



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Holidays will no longer be authorised and will automatically be given a 'G' code. Only 10 days can be given a 'G' code. Any holiday days that go into the 11th day will automatically be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN).

We will be tracking attendance of pupils who have attendance below 90% and, in some cases, working in collaboration with the Education Welfare Officer to support pupils and their families.

The start of the school day is 9.00am. Pupils that arrive after 9.10am will be issued with a late code 'L'. Any pupils that arrive after 9.30am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. This could result in the Education Welfare Officer issuing a FPN.

ATTENDANCE FACTS

Annual Attendance	School Missed per Year	Result
100%	No lessons missed	Gold Standard - superb! These pupils have the best chance of getting top grades and jobs.
95-99%	95% - Over a full academic year missing about two weeks of school	Green Standard - these pupils are more likely to gain top grades and jobs.
92-95%	92% - Over a full academic year missing about three weeks of school	Amber Standard - it will be much harder for these pupils to keep up with class work and gain the best grades at school.
Below 92%	Over a full academic year missing more than three weeks of school	Red Standard - these pupils are missing too much school. This is likely to affect their grades and the jobs available to them when they leave school

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Amy Skuse – Deputy Headteacher.

Many thanks for your continued support.