

## Education Welfare Officer (EWO)

Every school has an Education Welfare Officer. Our Education Welfare Officer works with Mr Roden to monitor and improve attendance within the Newbridge and Cwmcarn Cluster of Schools.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or have any concerns, please contact Mr Roden who can arrange an appointment.

## Keeping Children at Home

Bringing up young children, especially if you are a lone parent is not an easy job. When the demands from home means that sometimes the shopping has not been done or the children are late getting dressed, it may be easier to let them stay at home. When this starts to happen regularly, children get used to the ideas that they don't always have to go to school. This can then become a serious problem.

## Attendance Success

**YOU can make a difference!**  
**Regular Attendance = Success!**

Nearly all children enjoy the experience of school if they are secure and confident that their parents are positive about school.

**Please help us to help them attend!**



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# Attendance



School Information Leaflet



## Attendance

It is very important that children attend school regularly.

Children are expected to attend school every day, punctually, unless there is a valid reason for not doing so.

School doors open at 8:50 a.m. and morning school begins at 9.00 a.m. All Foundation Phase teachers / support assistants will be at the doors to welcome the children and a member of staff will welcome the Junior aged children.

There will be times when your child will need to be absent from school. It may be because of a visit to the doctor, dentist, opticians, etc. We ask that, where possible, most of these appointments are made outside school hours, although we know that sometimes it is not possible. If your child / children have an appointment, please let us know before the appointment, by writing or telephoning. This absence will be authorised. If your child is ill, please ring the school on the first day that they miss so that we know that your child/ren are safe at home.

WE WILL ALSO NEED TO HAVE A BRIEF NOTE ON WHY YOUR CHILD/REN WERE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL WHEN THEY COME BACK. YOU CAN SEND A LETTER OR FILL IN A 'REASON FOR ABSENCE SHEET' WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE AREA.

These absences will be authorised except where absence causes concern. Parents will be contacted in such cases.

## Attendance Awards

If your child is absent from school and no phone call or letter has been received, you will receive a letter from school to ask for the reason for the absence.

### Attendance Awards at Abercarn

Each class competes for the school 'Attendance Cup' on a weekly basis. The class with the highest attendance for the week can earn 'Golden Time' for their class. Attendance Certificates are given every term to those children whose attendance has been 95% or over. Those children will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a prize draw for the term. If children's attendance is 100%, they receive two raffle tickets.



We constantly seek ways to improve on our previous best!