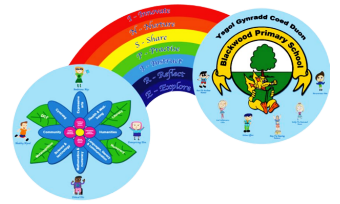




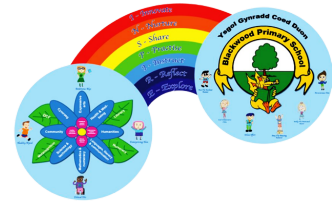
Attendance Newsletter May 2023



Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the academic year with our ongoing commitment to improving our school attendance.

As parents/carers you play a vital role in your child's success. The first step to your child's success is establishing excellent attendance habits. In order to support your child's success we continue to implement a range of initiatives proposed by our Pupil Leadership Team, Governors, Education Welfare Officer and Local Authority.

During this academic year, **IOAN** our School Attendance Mascot has been sharing his mission to improve attendance with pupils and staff. **IOAN - Improve Our Attendance Now** is a regular feature in whole school assemblies and the newsletter. The Pupil Leadership Team takes great pride in delivering **IOAN** to year groups following our whole school celebration assembly.



Attendance news is shared on our termly newsletter and celebrated weekly in our school assemblies. Moving forward we will provide parents/carers with a monthly Attendance Newsletter.

We continue to work alongside our Education Welfare Officer, Iestyn Penrose to support and guide us in our mission to improve school attendance. Iestyn Penrose, The Education Welfare Officer will continue to work with us and families to provide support and advice. We will continue to work with the EWO and local authority in implementing our school procedures and policies.

Lateness

As you may be aware, the school and EWO treat persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the local authority if late arrival is not resolved.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

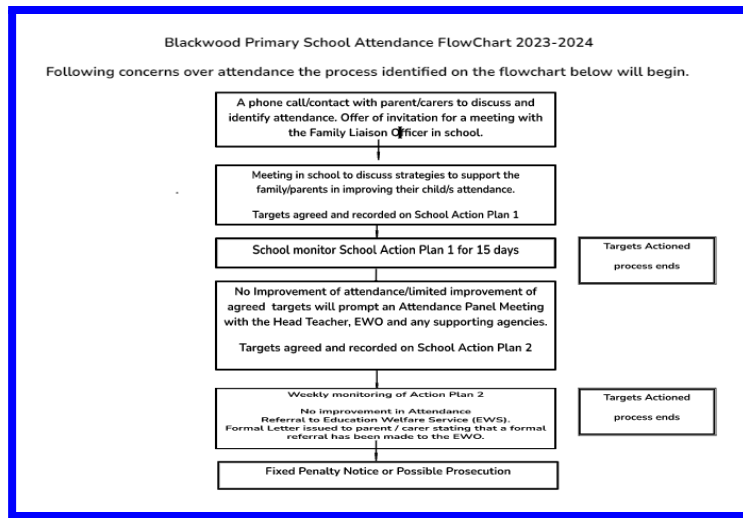


Family Liaison Officer




Jill Hiscott our Family Liaison Officer (FLO) continues to provide an open door policy for advice, support and guidance to all our existing and new Blackwood Families.

The Flowchart below displays the schools process of identifying and actioning attendance concerns. As always our aim is to provide support and guidance in developing positive attendance habits with pupils, parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any attendance concerns please contact the school and make an appointment with our Family Liaison Officer.



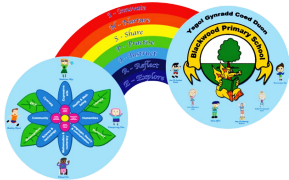
I have no doubt moving forward the pupils and families of Blackwood Primary School will endeavour to support our continued effort to improve our schools attendance to ensure all pupils have access to the many opportunities that school has to offer.



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Spring Term Attendance

88% - room for improvement!



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