INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Promoting good attendance at Penair School

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PENAIR SCHOOL

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THE GREATER THE ATTENDANCE THE GREATER THE ACHIEVEMENT

HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME

Schools can no longer grant leave during term time unless it is in exceptional circumstances. If parents choose to take their children out of school, the absence will be unauthorised and could result in a Penalty Notice being issued against you.

PUNCTUALITY

Lateness to school can impact the start of the school day for your child

Persistent lateness that is coded "U" means your child is in school but does not qualify for a mark but can lead to a Penalty Notice being issued.

PENAIR SCHOOL

"FOR ALL MEMBERS OF PENAIR'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY - TO LIVE TO LEARN"

WHAT IS YOUR DUTY?

THE LAW

You are legally responsible for:

- Ensuring your child is in receipt of full time education.
- Their regular and punctual attendance at school.

As a parent / guardian you are commiting an offence if you fail to ensure that your child attends school regularly and on time in accordance with section 7 of the Education Act 1996.

The school can refer cases of non attendance to Cornwall council who may decide to prosecute.

If this happens:

- Consideration of legal proceedings under section 444(1) or 444(1A) of education act or;
- Consideration of an application for an Education Supervision Order or;
- Consideration of issuing a Penalty Notice under Section 444A and Section 444B of the Education Act 1996

The school can refer cases to Cornwall council for a Penalty Notice to be issued; If such a notice is issued it is an immediate fine of **£80.00 each parent / guardian.** This amount rises to **£160.00** if unpaid after 28days. Failure to pay a Penalty Notice can lead to prosecution.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

THE FACTS

If your child is absent from school you must:

As early as you can on the first day of absence

- Report the absence on Studybugs and e-mail the form tutor.
- Send a note, or
- Call the school

Reasons why your child should **NOT** be kept away from school are:

- To look after brothers or sisters
- To mind the house
- To visit relatives
- For long week ends
- For shopping trips
- For birthdays

The above will be recorded by the school as unauthorised absence. Where possible all medical appointments, like doctors or dentists, should be made out of school hours.

Why is it important for my child to attend school regularly?

- The school's minimum target for attendance is 96% and above.
- Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their education and this will improve their choices in adult life. It will also help them when they enter the world of work.
- School supports young people with their social skills, making and maintaining friendship groups.

How can I help my child attend school regularly?

- Talk to your child about their day
- We offer bespoke support with our dedicated Home School Attendance Officer and Student Welfare Officers, please contact the school using the contact details overleaf should you have any concerns.
- Attend parents evenings, school meetings and other school events.

Can I get help if my child is not attending school regularly?

Yes, we recognise that poor attendance may be a symptom of a wide range of community, family or individual circumstances which may require intervention from outside agencies. We will in the first instance invite you into school to discuss and put support strategies in place for your child.

HOW CAN WE **HELP?**

Penair school is committed to providing a full time and efficient education for all pupils.

But sometimes things go wrong!

School can offer help by providing advice and support to you and your child.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Mrs Ebury - Home School Attendance Officer: 07378 765611

Student Welfare Officers Direct

Y7 Mrs Griffiths 01872 491551

Y8 Mrs Toms / Mrs Dean 01872 491552

Y9 Mrs Thomas 01872 491553

Y10 Mrs Colclough 01872 491549

Y11 Mr Jones 01872 491550

SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

Registration: 8.30-8.35AM

Tutorial: 8.35-8.40AM

Breakfast club: 8.00 - to 8.20AM

School day ends 3PM