



Dear Parent/Carer

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

As part of our Attendance Policy, in compliance with the Local Authority Policy, and to ensure a consistent approach across our clusters, no holidays will be authorised during the school year. The school's attendance policy can be viewed on the school website.

Please note that an absence of 10 days will result in 50 missed lessons, a 5% reduction in annual attendance and a significant impact on your child's learning.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. L Purcell
Headteacher – Pennaeth

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please complete and return to the Attendance Office at least 10 days before planned absence begins.

Name of Student:	Form:	Current attendance % (to be completed by school):
Date absence begins:		
Date of return to school:		
Reason for absence:		
Parent/Carer signature:	Date:	
Parent/Carer name (print):		
Address:		
Telephone number:	Email address:	
Head of Year signature:	Date:	

Fixed Penalty Notices linked to Unauthorised Absence

Following Welsh Government Legislation, Newport City Council has adopted a Code of Conduct which allows the Local Authority to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to the parents of pupils who lose five school days or ten school sessions which are unauthorised.

- Protocols and procedures in relation to Fixed Penalty Notices
Issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice:
- A Fixed Penalty Notice can only be issued in cases of unauthorised absence; Fixed Penalty Notices will be restricted to one notice per parent of a pupil in an academic year.
- In cases where there is more than one poorly-attending pupil, notices may be issued for more than one child.
- There will be no restriction on the number of times a parent may receive a formal warning of a possible Fixed Penalty Notice.

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorised absence during the current term. These do not need to be consecutive;
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays; or
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. "Persistent" means at least 10 sessions of late arrival;
- Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.

Fixed Penalty Notices are currently set at £60 and must be paid within 28 days. Non-payment within this timeframe results in a total Penalty of £120. Non-payment of fines will result in prosecution