



Nant Celyn Primary School
Henllys Way
Cwmbran
Torfaen
NP44 7DJ

Headteacher Ms K Smith (NPQH, MSc Econ)

Annwyl Parent/Carer,

Having a good education is important to ensure that your child has the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school or alternative provision regularly.

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable, full-time education. As a parent/carer, you are responsible for making sure this happens. If children do not attend school regularly, they may struggle to keep up with schoolwork and miss out on the social side of school life.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. Some parents may be finding it difficult to ensure that their child attends school regularly. If this is the case, please speak to Tina Goodland (Family Liaison Officer) or the class teacher as soon as possible so that the situation can be addressed.

As of the start of this academic year (2025-2026) the school will start issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN), as part of the attendance strategy of Welsh Government and Torfaen County Borough Council.

Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when any of the following apply:

- 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.
- Persistent late arrival at school (by this we mean 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.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this letter, please get in touch.

Cofion gorau

Keri Smith
Head Teacher