

# CORNIST PARK SCHOOL FLINT

## ATTENDANCE

INFORMATION  
BOOKLET FOR FAMILIES

**"Helping Children  
to make their Mark"**

Only the best school attendees will  
achieve their full potential.

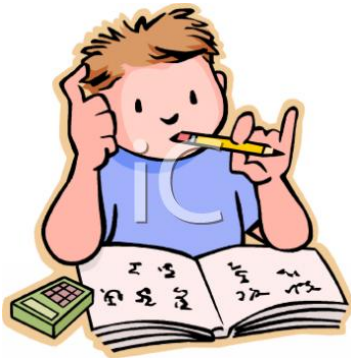
Please ensure your child is in school  
every day

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ON ATTENDANCE

Q. Is it really that important for my child to be in school?

A. YES!

Lets show you.....



This is Murphy

Murphy has 90% attendance

That sounds good doesn't it?

**BUT IS IT?**

90% Attendance actually MEANS Murphy has missed half a day every week

Or

90% Attendance actually means Murphy has missed 4 whole weeks in a school year.

At 90% attendance, Murphy is very likely to fall behind in his learning.

**NOT BEING IN SCHOOL SERIOUSLY DAMAGES A CHILD'S ABILITY TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL**







**DON'T BE LIKE MURPHY!**

## It's REALLY important for Children to attend school regularly if you want them to.....

- Achieve their potential
- Develop their self confidence
- Develop a good work ethic
- Do well in assessments and exams
- Have the best opportunities for their futures



Here is a breakdown of attendance data information for you (based on 1 school year)

100% Attendance	0 missed weeks of learning		<b>Best Chance of Success</b>
95% Attendance	1 week 4 days of missed learning		<b>Best Chance of Success</b>
90% Attendance	3 weeks 4 days of missed learning		<b>Poor Attendance Causing concern ACT NOW TO IMPROVE</b>
85% Attendance	5 weeks 3 days of missed learning		<b>Poor Attendance Causing concern ACT NOW TO IMPROVE</b>
80% Attendance	7 weeks 3 days of missed learning		<b>Very poor attendance causing great concern</b>
75% Attendance	9 weeks 1 day of missed learning		<b>Very poor attendance causing great concern</b>

Please be aware that these %'s are based on a whole year's attendance. Pupils who may have been taken out of school for holidays or had a number of sickness absences during the Autumn and Spring Terms may well present with low % in the first half of the school year (Sept - Feb). To improve this data so attendance does not become a cause for concern, parents need to ensure that attendance is consistently high for the remainder of the school year. Attendance data will be shared with parents during Spring Term Parents Evenings, or if attendance becomes a concern.

The following reasons for absence will **NOT be authorised** by the school;

haircuts, birthdays, sibling or parental illness, over sleeping or getting up late, broken down car, holidays taken above the agreed amount,

# LATENESS

## 'Make every minute count'



Although pleasingly the vast majority of our pupils arrive on time for school (8.50am), there are some pupils who are consistently late. Again this can have a huge impact on their education and on their readiness to learn on a daily basis. No child enjoys walking into a classroom late when the session has already begun.

As an example of the impact that lateness can have .....

5 minutes late every day = 3 missed days of learning opportunity over the course of a year

15 minutes late every day = 2 missed weeks of learning opportunity over the course of a year

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY**

### **Who is the EWO (Education Welfare Worker) what is their role?**

The appointed EWO for Cornist Park School is Mrs Val Hands. Mrs Hands is based at Flint High School and is responsible for all social and attendance issues for the pupils of Flint High and its feeder Primary schools. Part of Mrs Hands' role, is to check on a half termly basis, the attendance data for all schools. She has access to this via the sims Register system used by all schools. If attendance is a cause for concern, she will firstly discuss this with ourselves to gain an understanding for the absences and ensure they have been authorised and explained. If we can not provide appropriate or acceptable reasons for the absences, then Mrs Hands will contact families to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter further. *Mrs Hands operates a system where attendance below 85% is of serious concern. \*We as a school, will approach families well in advance of this %, if it appears that attendance is becoming a concern ie below 90%\**

Be aware that Mrs Hands' role also encompasses all social issues and problems and she is able to help, support and advise families on services which may help them resolve difficult family issues that they may be experiencing

If you would like to speak to Mrs Hands then you can ask us at school to contact her on your behalf, or you can call Flint High School directly on 732268

**If you require any further guidance or support regarding attendance then please contact school and speak with either Mrs Hunt or Mrs Thomas. Diolch**