

## Reminder regarding school policy on

# STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At The John Frost School, we have the highest of expectations for our students and every year we aim to improve academic standards. The most effective way to increase the likelihood of academic success for your child and to support their wellbeing is to ensure they attend school every day. Our minimum expectation is 96% for all students. Welsh Government has defined persistent absence as any student missing 10% of school sessions.

We would ask that you do not book a holiday in term-time. We will not authorise any holidays in term-time. It has been proven that this type of absence impacts on a student's education. Any absence related to holidays will be marked as unauthorised and treated as truancy.

You should note that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued to parents of a child for an unauthorised holiday in term time. A Fixed Penalty Notice may also be issued for truancy, unauthorised absence and persistent late arrival at school. If a Fixed Penalty Notice is paid within 28 days, the penalty payable is £60, or £120 if paid within 42 days.

You can text the Attendance Officer on

**0786 005 5775**

to report your child's absence.

Please tell us your child's name, form and reason for absence for each and every absence from school.

If your child has not registered in the morning, you will receive an automated response asking you if you are aware your child is absent. If your child is at home because they are ill, please tell us promptly so we do not have to trouble you.