



Attendance Policy

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Learning
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Registration arrangements and attendance

At Penryn Primary Academy children's attendance and punctuality will be promoted and consistently monitored. In order that this happens the following procedures will be followed:

Registration

- Children will be registered in class, by their teachers, at the start of the morning sessions and afternoon sessions.
- Where children arrive within the first 30 minutes of a session, they will be coded as late in the register using the L code.
- Where children arrive after the first 30 minutes but within the course of the session, they will be coded as unauthorised in the register using the U code.
- If a child has 10 unauthorised absence marks in the register (5 whole days) the Educational Welfare Officer will be contacted by the academy.
- The academy and Educational Welfare Officer will ensure that parents whose children are consistently late are made aware of the need for punctuality and court proceedings will be started at the academy's and EWO's discretion.



Attendance

- When children are unwell or attending valid appointments the academy will require parents to tell office staff, either by phone or in person that their child is unable to attend school and a reason for this absence will be noted. The academy will request that medical appointments are made out of school hours. Where this is not possible, parents will be asked to produce an appointment card pertaining to the absence.
- If office staff have not been contacted regarding a child's absence by 10.30am, the academy will operate a first day calling system whereby the parents of all children marked as absent in the register will be contacted by phone and asked why the child is not in school.
- If a child has 10 or more unauthorised absence marks in the register (5 whole days) the Educational Welfare Officer will be contacted by the academy and court proceedings will be started at the academy's and EWO's discretion.
- Absence request forms will be available to parents. These forms will enable parents to request that their children be allowed holiday leave or time out of school to attend funerals, music exams or other similar events. the Heads of School will use their discretion in authorising absence but it is unlikely that authorisation will be given for holidays in term time.
- Any request for absence above the ten day limit will be considered unauthorised irrespective of a child's attendance figure.
- The academy and Educational Welfare Officer will review all attendance data and figures half termly. Parents with persistently absent children, or children whose absences seem to follow distinct patterns, will be contacted and asked to work with the academy to improve their child's attendance.

Promoting good attendance

- The academy will utilise face-to-face meetings and written correspondence in order to promote good attendance.
- Each week the name of the class with the best attendance figure will be published in the academy's newsletter.
- A termly prize will be given to the class with the best attendance.
- Children with 100% attendance will receive certificates at the end of each term.



The School Day

	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Breakfast Club	From 8.00am	From 8.00am
Morning Registration	8.50-9.10am	8.50-9.10am
Morning	8.50-12.15pm	8.50-12.15pm
Lunch	12.15-1.15pm	12.15-1.15pm
Afternoon Registration	1.15-1.25pm	1.15 --1.25pm
Afternoon	1.15-3.00pm	1.15-3.10pm

Nursery Sessions

Session One	9.00–12.00 noon
Session Two	12.15-3.15pm