

Miss school: Miss out.

Dear parents and guardians,

'Miss School: Miss Out'

As we embark on a new school year, I very much hope you are all gearing up to return to the routine of school life. It is so important to us that as many pupils as possible attend school every day, and therefore I would like to draw your attention to an important campaign which we are launching 'Miss School: Miss Out'.

There are lots of reasons why your child should attend school, including meeting with their friends, building relationships and maximising opportunities to learn and develop.

In Carmarthenshire, school attendance is not yet as high as it was before COVID. We all need to work together to improve this for the future prosperity of Carmarthenshire, our children and young people.

Excellent attendance at school allows your child / children to have the best possible start in life. When school is missed, opportunities are missed, and it makes it harder for your child to learn and to develop.

We all understand that some children have complex needs and particular reasons why, on occasion, attending school is difficult. Your child's school is able to support you to address those difficulties.

This campaign aims to remind and encourage children, young people and their families that not attending school on a particular day, or for a set period of time is not acceptable.

We want everyone, across our communities in Carmarthenshire, to understand the value of attending school and how this will support our children and young people to succeed and to achieve whatever goals they wish to set themselves.

If you feel that there are situations in your life or your child's life that prevent them from attending school/attending on time, you can get advice and support from your school or the County Council. We are all here to help and support you.

The following QR code could be a good starting point if you're looking for simple, practical ideas that could help you and your child improve their attendance and punctuality.

Thank you for all your support and best wishes for the autumn term.



