# Attendance at Y Bont Faen Primary School



# Attendance Mascot

Meet Ali the Alligator. He is our School Attendance mascot.

His name stands for:



A - Attend

L - Learn

I - Inspire

Ali will always be on hand to remind you

'Every second of every day counts!'

# Why is Regular School Attendance so Important?

Y Bont Faen Primary School works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly. If your child fails to do so, you risk getting a penalty notice or being prosecuted. You also need to think about the negative impact upon the following:

- their learning
- their friendships
- · their self-esteem and confidence.

### How is attendance Monitored at Y Bont Faen Primary School?

Y Bont Faen Primary School monitors the attendance of every child in the school. We work in partnership with our schools Educational Welfare Officer, Caroline Jones to support those children and their families who are not attending school without sufficient reason.

It is very important that you contact school, on the first day of absence, to let us know that your child is ill. You can contact the school via:

Phone: 01446 772374

Website: www.ybontfaen.com

Email: ybontfaenps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

#### Our School Attendance Target

90% attendance sounds good, but means that your child misses:

- · one half day each week
- · nearly four weeks every school year
- · over one school year in a school career

Our school's target for the 2018/2019 school year is 96.7%

#### How is Attendance rewarded?

We have a range of initiatives to promote and reward good attendance at Y Bont Faen Primary school, including:

- · Classes weekly attendance displayed on our weekly newsletters
- Class awards for the highest weekly attendance including a visit from Ali Alligator for the week
- Individual awards for children achieving 100% attendance per half term.
- · Golden awards for children who achieve 100% all year.

So please make every effort to attend school if possible and remember:

If you're ill make Ali happy.

Contact the school and make it snappy!