

PA15 Individual

Senedd Cymru

Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Absenoldeb Disgyblion

Ymateb gan Unigolyn

Welsh Parliament

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Pupil absence

Evidence from Individual

Record your views against the inquiry's terms of reference, which have been grouped into 5 themes.

1. Reasons

Daughter 12 at the time.

Breakdown of relationship with her dad who was verbally dismissive and abusive.

Bullying in school.

What I defined as sexual harassment from a teacher - the teacher accused her of teasing the boys with a 'short skirt' (still below knee) so I responded that it is up to the boys and their parents to educate them as to how to ignore the skirt length! So that's sorted. She returned to school.

Covid completely ruined her. Locked in, she couldn't continue with her sports. It was indoor trampolining. She became depressed and self-harmed. She could not face school. She did not attend.

2. Risks and consequences

Self-harm and risk to life.

Loss of peers through lack of contact.

Loss of muscle tone and fitness because of loss of sports. Made a major impact

3. Impact

Back in school with love and nurture and working from home. Back 80%

She's behind definitely as she was in top sets prior.

4. Effectiveness of policies

Up to now, her school support has been remarkable and effective with love and nurture from a few staff.

Going forward, re-introducing fines is shortsighted and discriminatory.

5. Other

Too many to record.

Single parent low income.

