

PA21 Individual

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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

My son is autistic. He started becoming anxious about school when he had his SAT'S, this was further exacerbated by Covid, and now his school anxiety is so severe, he's been out of school for a very long period.

He hasn't been given an IDP, or had an assessment by the Educational Psychologist.

2. Risks and consequences

My son will need to be home educated long term. The risks are that he will become further isolated and anxious about education, and not attain any GCSE's

3. Impact

I have recently re-registered my son in school, but I'm worried that we're going to end up de registering again, due to lack of adequate, knowledgeable professional support for him.

4. Effectiveness of policies

Not very in my experience. Rather we are shamed, and made to feel responsible for our children's struggle.

5. Other

More teaching staff to have full understanding of Neurodivergence. Work to be sent home for pupils who are too unwell to attend due to their mental health