

PA30 Individual

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Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

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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

Some pupils and parents have changed attitudes about the need to be in school. Being off during Covid has allowed more reasons /excuses to be given.

2. Risks and consequences

Disengagement from leaning. Social anxiety about mixing with others when pupil had not been there. Losing social skills and knowledge of appropriate behaviour/ structure.

Long term impacts on progress leading to poorer outcomes in life.

Done pupils at risk of abuse due to not being seen regularly by professionals

3. Impact

There is a large impact on learning. Poor attendance causes large gaps in learning which are difficult to fill.

4. Effectiveness of policies

Too many decisions/the blame for policy implications are left to the individual school. There is very little support for schools which have long established lack of respect for education.

5. Other

The time and effort put into a minority of learners to get them to attend school is disproportionate.