

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

25th May, 2023

Report of the Head of Education Development - Chris Millis

Matter for information

Wards Affected: All

PUPIL ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with information and data in relation to Pupil Attendance.

Background

2. This report provides Members with key information relating to Pupil Attendance and current data taken as a snapshot at the time of the report, up to 30th April 2023.
3. In the current academic year to the end of April, the primary sector attendance rate was 89.76%. This has increased by 0.36% compared to the same period the previous year. The Secondary sector attendance during this period was 86.34%. This has increased by 0.85% compared to the same period the previous year. See appendices one.
4. 36 primary schools improved their attendance, when compared with the same period last academic year; where only 10 primary schools had improved their attendances, this is an improvement by 26 schools. Last academic year, 48 primary schools reported a decrease in their attendance; this has now decreased to 22.
5. 7 secondary schools improved their attendance, when compared to the same period last academic year: where only 2 schools improved, this is an improvement by 5 schools. Last academic year, 8 secondary

schools reported a decrease in their attendance: this has now decreased to 3 schools.

6. Attendance at school is improving when compared to the same period last academic year. As a service, we have recently met, to look at strategies, using a creative thinking session to help support schools to improve pupil attendance further.
7. There has also been improvement when comparing the data relating to FSM and ALN.
8. In the current academic year to the end of April, the primary sector FSM attendance rate was 85.40%. This has increased by 0.13% compared to the same period the previous year. Non-FSM attendance at the same snapshot is 91.69%. This has increased by 0.44% when compared to the same period the previous year.
9. The Secondary sector FSM attendance during this period was 78.05%. This has increased by 0.08% compared to the same period the previous year. Non-FSM attendance is 89.32%, this has increased by 1.1% when compared to the same period the previous year.
10. In the current academic year to the end of April, the primary sector ALN attendance rate was 86.99%. This has increased by 0.14% compared to the same period the previous year. Non-ALN attendance at the same snapshot is 90.32%. This has increased by 0.11% compared to the same period the previous year.
11. In the current academic year to the end of April, the secondary sector ALN attendance rate was 80.44%. This has increased by 0.23% compared to the same period the previous year. Non-ALN attendance at the same snapshot is 87.80%. This has increased by 0.56% compared to the same period the previous year.
12. Looking at various data trends we have established there is a concern regarding pupil attendance at school, on a Friday afternoon. Schools have reported a decrease in attendance on a Friday afternoon when compared to the morning session, ranging from 0.03% to 3.75%. (See appendices two & three)
13. A primary school example highlights attendance on a Friday afternoon 83.40%, however on a Tuesday morning session (their highest session), their attendance increased to 89.31% which is an increase of 5.91%.

14. A secondary school example highlights attendance on a Friday afternoon 80.07%, however, on a Monday AM (their highest session), the attendance increased to 88.02% which is a 7.95% difference.
15. We have recently met with schools to address the concerns regarding the decrease in pupil attendance on a Friday.
16. A national sharing good practice day has been organised for every Local Authority Education Welfare Service, which will include strategies to improve FSM and ALN. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is hosting the event, with 16 Local Authorities currently confirming their attendance with 150 education welfare staff.
17. Members will continue to be provided with regular reports the work being undertaken by the Education Welfare Service.

Financial Impact

18. There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Integrated Impact Assessment

19. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for information purposes only.

Valleys Communities Impacts

20. The information contained within this report covers all of Neath Port Talbot.

Workforce Impacts

21. There are no workforce or staffing issues directly associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

22. There is no legal impact associated with this report.

Risk Management

23. There is no identified risk in relation to this report.

Consultation

24. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external Consultation on this item.

Recommendations

25. That Members note the update provided within this report.

Appendices

26. Appendix 1: List of schools with individual attendance rates
Appendix 2: Friday Morning and Afternoon Session
Appendix 3: High and Low Session

List of Background Papers

27. None.

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Appendix 1 - Individual Attendance Rates

Primary Schools

Abbey Primary2022/23	90.71%	0.09%
Alderman Davies CIW2022/23	91.02%	-0.87%
Alltwen Primary2022/23	90.16%	1.22%
Awel y Môr2022/23	88.12%	1.16%
Baglan Primary2022/23	90.30%	0.92%
Blaenbaglan Primary2022/23	91.90%	0.24%
Blaendulais Primary2022/23	81.30%	5.79%
Blaengwrach Primary2022/23	92.54%	-0.29%
Blaenhonddan Primary2022/23	93.55%	-0.27%
Bryncoch CIW Primary2022/23	92.50%	0.77%
Catwg Primary2022/23	91.79%	0.85%
Central Primary2022/23	90.39%	-0.56%
Cilffriw Primary2022/23	84.83%	5.30%
Coed Hirwaun Primary2022/23	88.67%	1.72%
Coedffranc Primary2022/23	89.90%	-1.98%
Creunant Primary2022/23	91.13%	-0.48%
Croeserw Primary2022/23	85.05%	1.41%
Crymlyn Primary2022/23	92.23%	-0.97%
Crynallt Primary2022/23	90.25%	-0.30%
Cwmafan Primary2022/23	89.04%	-0.36%
Cwmnedd Primary2022/23	85.69%	1.46%
Cymer Afan Primary2022/23	92.66%	-2.55%
Eastern Primary2022/23	87.11%	-1.23%
Glyncorwg Primary2022/23	89.89%	2.63%
Gnoll Primary2022/23	86.93%	1.04%
Godregraig Primary2022/23	91.54%	-0.38%
Llangiwig Primary2022/23	88.71%	2.87%
Maesmarchog Primary2022/23	86.46%	-0.86%
Melin Primary2022/23	89.00%	0.81%
Penafan Primary2022/23	86.17%	1.22%
Rhos Primary2022/23	91.06%	0.84%
Rhydyfro Primary2022/23	88.43%	1.60%
Sandfields Primary2022/23	85.95%	-1.52%
St Joseph's Infant2022/23	89.16%	0.24%
St Joseph's Junior2022/23	89.69%	0.04%
St Joseph's Primary2022/23	89.38%	1.33%
St Therese's Primary2022/23	87.41%	1.00%
Tairgwaith Primary2022/23	88.52%	1.75%
Tonnau Primary2022/23	87.61%	1.99%
Tywyn Primary2022/23	89.07%	-0.01%
Wauanceirch Primary2022/23	89.64%	0.35%
YGG Blaendulais2022/23	92.44%	-0.48%
YGG Castell-nedd2022/23	90.88%	0.62%
YGG Cwmllynfell2022/23	90.07%	2.40%
YGG Cwmnedd2022/23	91.19%	-0.04%
YGG GCG2022/23	89.36%	0.02%
YGG Pontardawe2022/23	91.94%	0.44%
YGG Rhosafan2022/23	91.45%	-0.16%
YGG Trebannws2022/23	90.11%	0.01%
YGG Tyle'r Ynn2022/23	91.46%	0.86%
YG Ystalyfera - Bro Dur2022/23	87.24%	1.23%
Ynysfach Primary2022/23	91.19%	-0.78%
Ysgol Bae Baglan2022/23	89.24%	-1.11%
Ysgol Carreg Hir2022/23	87.81%	-1.14%
Ysgol Cwm Brombil2022/23	90.95%	-1.21%
Ysgol Maes Y Coed2022/23	76.67%	3.86%
Ysgol Hendrefelin2022/23	67.31%	1.58%
Neath Port Talbot - excl Special2022/23	89.52%	0.29%
Neath Port Talbot - incl Special2022/23	89.46%	0.30%
Cymer Afan Federation2022/23	87.67%	0.91%

Secondary Schools

Cefn Saeson2022/23	83.29%	-0.10%
Cwmtawe2022/23	89.45%	1.58%
Dwr y Felin2022/23	87.94%	0.75%
Llangatwg2022/23	83.90%	3.33%
St Joseph's RC2022/23	83.88%	0.31%
Ysgol Bae Baglan2022/23	85.24%	0.35%
Ysgol Cwm Brombil2022/23	86.10%	-0.67%
YG Ystalyfera - Bro Dur2022/23	89.63%	1.04%
Ysgol Maes Y Coed2022/23	83.33%	3.67%
Ysgol Hendrefelin2022/23	76.61%	-0.18%
Neath Port Talbot - excl Special2022/23	86.55%	0.80%
Neath Port Talbot - incl Special2022/23	86.34%	0.79%

Appendix 2 - Friday Morning and Afternoon Session

Rec to Y11 School Attendance - Friday AM & PM Sessions 5/9/22 to 5/5/23					
No.	School	Sector	Friday AM %	Friday PM %	Diff AM-PM
2239	Abbey Primary	Primary Age	87.87%	87.52%	-0.35%
3313	Alderman Davies CIW	Primary Age	88.46%	88.22%	-0.24%
2100	Alltwen Primary	Primary Age	90.62%	90.18%	-0.44%
2235	Awel y Môr Primary	Primary Age	87.04%	86.69%	-0.35%
2119	Baglan Primary	Primary Age	89.75%	89.30%	-0.45%
2191	Blaenbaglan Primary	Primary Age	91.49%	90.93%	-0.56%
2101	Blaendulais Primary	Primary Age	83.27%	82.53%	-0.74%
2106	Blaengwrach Primary	Primary Age	90.96%	90.65%	-0.31%
2110	Blaenhonddan Primary	Primary Age	92.43%	92.40%	-0.03%
3311	Brynoch CIW Primary	Primary Age	93.33%	92.91%	-0.42%
2150	Catwg Primary	Primary Age	91.19%	90.91%	-0.28%
2238	Central Primary	Primary Age	86.95%	86.39%	-0.56%
2230	Cilffriw Primary	Primary Age	87.06%	86.40%	-0.66%
2232	Coed Hirwaun Primary	Primary Age	89.38%	89.24%	-0.14%
2233	Coedffranc Primary	Primary Age	86.61%	86.06%	-0.55%
2129	Creunant Primary	Primary Age	88.81%	88.48%	-0.33%
2173	Croeserw Primary	Primary Age	84.52%	83.40%	-1.12%
2134	Crymlyn Primary	Primary Age	91.10%	89.34%	-1.76%
2236	Crynallt Primary	Primary Age	87.89%	86.81%	-1.08%
2237	Cwmafan Primary	Primary Age	86.38%	86.35%	-0.03%
2137	Cwmnedd Primary	Primary Age	84.30%	83.72%	-0.58%
2138	Cymer Afan Primary	Primary Age	87.90%	87.62%	-0.28%
2142	Eastern Primary	Primary Age	83.22%	82.74%	-0.48%
2148	Glyncorrwg Primary	Primary Age	90.11%	89.47%	-0.64%
2144	Gnoll Primary	Primary Age	85.48%	84.89%	-0.60%
2140	Godrergraig Primary	Primary Age	89.48%	89.06%	-0.42%
2178	Llangiwg Primary	Primary Age	89.00%	88.59%	-0.41%
2155	Maesmarchog Primary	Primary Age	82.39%	81.44%	-0.95%
2240	Melin Primary	Primary Age	87.30%	87.71%	0.40%
2234	Penafan Primary	Primary Age	84.29%	83.58%	-0.70%
2200	Rhos Primary	Primary Age	89.86%	88.63%	-1.23%
2203	Rhydyfro Primary	Primary Age	88.71%	89.26%	0.54%
2161	Sandfields Primary	Primary Age	80.66%	80.26%	-0.40%
3310	St Joseph's Infant	Primary Age	88.87%	88.70%	-0.17%
3316	St Joseph's Junior	Primary Age	89.36%	88.30%	-1.06%
3309	St Joseph's Primary	Primary Age	89.28%	88.85%	-0.43%
3314	St Therese's Primary	Primary Age	85.59%	85.50%	-0.09%
2206	Tairgwaith Primary	Primary Age	87.46%	87.46%	0.00%
2181	Tonnau Primary	Primary Age	89.13%	88.27%	-0.86%
2175	Tywyn Primary	Primary Age	87.75%	87.50%	-0.26%
2221	Wauanceirch Primary	Primary Age	88.27%	87.87%	-0.39%
2202	YGG Blaendulais	Primary Age	90.93%	90.05%	-0.88%
2168	YGG Castell-nedd	Primary Age	89.13%	88.41%	-0.72%
2128	YGG Cwmllynfell	Primary Age	92.06%	92.06%	0.00%
2205	YGG Cwmnedd	Primary Age	89.08%	88.41%	-0.68%
2149	YGG GCG	Primary Age	86.81%	86.38%	-0.43%
2218	YGG Pontardawe	Primary Age	90.61%	90.41%	-0.20%
2158	YGG Rhosafan	Primary Age	89.91%	89.26%	-0.64%

2208	YGG Trebannws	Primary Age	88.63%	87.87%	-0.76%
2231	YGG Tyle'r Ynn	Primary Age	90.14%	90.08%	-0.07%
2187	Ynysfach Primary	Primary Age	89.94%	89.45%	-0.49%
2241	Ysgol Carreg Hir	Primary Age	83.30%	82.88%	-0.42%
5500	Ysgol Bae Baglan	Primary Age	84.72%	83.87%	-0.85%
5501	YG Ystalyfera-Bro Dur	Primary Age	87.97%	86.89%	-1.08%
5502	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	Primary Age	87.44%	87.11%	-0.33%
4064	Cefn Saeson	Secondary Age	80.95%	78.92%	-2.04%
4065	Cwmtawe	Secondary Age	88.05%	87.56%	-0.48%
4066	Llangatwg	Secondary Age	81.89%	81.37%	-0.53%
4067	Dwr y Felin	Secondary Age	84.54%	83.49%	-1.05%
4601	St Joseph's Comp.	Secondary Age	81.45%	80.25%	-1.20%
5500	Ysgol Bae Baglan	Secondary Age	81.50%	80.07%	-1.43%
5501	YG Ystalyfera-Bro Dur	Secondary Age	89.11%	88.54%	-0.57%
5502	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	Secondary Age	82.54%	82.26%	-0.28%
7006	Ysgol Maes y Coed	All Pupils	79.29%	77.88%	-1.41%
7008	Ysgol Hendrefelin	All Pupils	75.38%	71.63%	-3.75%

Appendix 3 - High and Low Sessions

Reception to Y11 School Attendance - High and Low Sessions 5/9/22 to 5/5/23							
No.	School	Sector	Low Session	Low Session %	High Session	High Session %	Diff High to Low
2239	Abbey Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	87.52%	Tuesday AM	91.57%	4.05%
3313	Alderman Davies CIW	Primary Age	Friday PM	88.22%	Tuesday AM	90.31%	2.09%
2100	Alltwen Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	90.18%	Tuesday AM	92.29%	2.11%
2235	Awel y Môr Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	86.69%	Tuesday AM	90.07%	3.38%
2119	Baglan Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	89.30%	Tuesday AM	91.90%	2.60%
2191	Blaenbaglan Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	90.93%	Tuesday AM	92.79%	1.86%
2101	Blaendulais Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	82.53%	Wednesday AM	88.57%	6.04%
2106	Blaengwrach Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	90.65%	Tuesday AM	93.53%	2.88%
2110	Blaenhonddan Primary	Primary Age	Monday PM	92.20%	Tuesday PM	93.45%	1.25%
3311	Bryncoch CIW Primary	Primary Age	Monday PM	92.47%	Friday AM	93.33%	0.86%
2150	Catwg Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	90.91%	Thursday AM & PM	93.45%	2.54%
2238	Central Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	86.39%	Tuesday AM	90.76%	4.37%
2230	Cilffriw Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	86.40%	Tuesday AM	91.66%	5.26%
2232	Coed Hirwaun Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	89.24%	Tuesday PM	90.99%	1.75%
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2137	Cwmnedd Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	83.72%	Wednesday AM	88.55%	4.83%
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2144	Gnoll Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	84.89%	Tuesday AM	88.90%	4.01%
2140	Godrergraig Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	89.06%	Tuesday AM	92.03%	2.97%
2178	Llangiwig Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	88.59%	Tuesday AM	91.72%	3.13%
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3310	St Joseph's Infant	Primary Age	Monday PM	88.62%	Thursday AM	90.42%	1.80%
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3309	St Joseph's Primary	Primary Age	Friday PM	88.85%	Tuesday AM	91.52%	2.67%
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2187	Ynysfach Primary	Primary Age	Monday PM	89.38%	Tuesday AM	90.88%	1.50%
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5500	Ysgol Bae Baglan	Primary Age	Friday PM	83.87%	Wednesday AM	89.05%	5.18%

5501	YG Ystalyfera-Bro Dur	Primary Age	Friday PM	86.89%	Monday AM	89.44%	2.55%
5502	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	Primary Age	Friday PM	87.11%	Tuesday PM	90.77%	3.66%
4064	Cefn Saeson	Secondary Age	Friday PM	78.92%	Monday AM	86.49%	7.57%
4065	Cwmtawe	Secondary Age	Friday PM	87.56%	Tuesday AM	90.77%	3.21%
4066	Llangatwg	Secondary Age	Friday PM	81.37%	Tuesday AM	85.69%	4.32%
4067	Dwr y Felin	Secondary Age	Friday PM	83.49%	Monday AM	90.29%	6.80%
4601	St Joseph's Comp.	Secondary Age	Friday PM	80.25%	Tuesday AM	86.18%	5.93%
5500	Ysgol Bae Baglan	Secondary Age	Friday PM	80.07%	Monday AM	88.02%	7.95%
5501	YG Ystalyfera-Bro Dur	Secondary Age	Thursday PM	88.39%	Monday AM	90.82%	2.43%
5502	Ysgol Cwm Brombil	Secondary Age	Friday PM	82.26%	Monday AM	87.84%	5.58%
7006	Ysgol Maes y Coed	All Pupils	Friday PM	77.88%	Tuesday AM	84.48%	6.60%
7008	Ysgol Hendrefelin	All Pupils	Friday PM	71.63%	Tuesday AM	79.83%	8.20%