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Dear Parent / Carer

Update on school attendance guidance

The Welsh Government has re-introduced the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for non-school attendance. Following an announcement from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language giving details of this change, schools in Newport will resume their use of Fixed Penalty Notices to ensure children and young people are accessing their education.

We are committed to promoting high rates of attendance, attainment and the well-being of children and young people in Newport. In line with the Minister's announcement, Fixed Penalty Notices will be used in only the most extreme cases, as part of a range of options and when all efforts to engage have been tried and failed, and where it is evident that there are no underlying reasons that are impacting upon attendance at school.

We ask that parents and carers work with schools and education providers closely, communicating any difficulties and issues that are impacting on their child's ability to attend school regularly. Where there are genuine reasons for absences these must be discussed with the school.

For more information visit <https://gov.wales/oral-statement-school-attendance>

Yours faithfully

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