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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Update on school attendance guidance

Parents and carers in Wrexham are being informed that the Welsh Government has reverted back to the use of Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school.

Following an announcement from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Wrexham County Council will follow the guidance to ensure that young people are accessing their education.

From September 2022, Fixed Penalty Notices will be reintroduced as part of a range of options to improve attendance at school. Fixed Penalty Notices will only be issued where it is evident that that there are no underlying reasons preventing regular school attendance, in line with the local code of conduct for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school. Any legal action is only taken when all efforts to engage parents and bring about a positive improvement in attendance have been tried and failed.

We ask that parents and carers work with schools, closely communicating any difficulties and issues that are impacting on their child attending school regularly. Where there are genuine reasons for absences, these must be discussed with your child's school to ensure collaborative working between parents, schools and Local Authority staff to maintain good school attendance of all pupils in the county.

Fixed Penalty Notices for non-attendance had been available to local authorities during the pandemic; however, the Welsh Government had recommended against their use.

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

Further advice on school attendance can be sought from your child's school or the Education Social Work Team on 01978 295570. Information on well-being support for young people is available at www.youngwrexham.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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