

CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM
JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT
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CSC SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Partnerships & Improvement
Planning**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with a presentation on support provided by CSC to improve attendance across the region.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- Note the support for improving attendance in schools across CSC; and
- Consider the benefits to all stakeholders.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Pupil attendance is a National and Regional priority.
- Figures for attendance are below pre-pandemic levels. The average attendance for all-Wales primary schools was 92.6% for the autumn term 2023-2024.
- The average attendance for all-Wales secondary schools was 88.1% for the autumn term 2023-2024.

- In 2018/19 the attendance figure for all schools was 94.2% compared to 90.5% from September- December 2023.
- Whilst not directly responsible for attendance, Central South Consortium support schools to drive achieving equity, making a real difference to learners' lives. It is an agenda based on valuing every learner and the knowledge and experience that they bring to school as the starting point for developing inclusive teaching.
- In partnership with local authorities Central South Consortium support the school community to understand the challenges and barriers faced by individuals and groups of learners. These include learners with protected characteristics and vulnerable and disadvantaged learners.
- Central South Consortium also work with the Implementation Leads for the Cwm Taff Morgannwg and Cardiff and Vale health boards on supporting schools in their work on the 'Framework on embedding a whole-school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing'.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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List of background papers

Annual Academic Scrutiny Report

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