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Annwyl Parent/Carer,

We wish to remind you that all the schools in the Bassaleg cluster: the six partner primary schools and Bassaleg secondary school hold a united stance and commitment towards achieving consistent, high attendance for all learners in our schools.

We believe that your child deserves the best opportunities to thrive whilst on their educational journey and we are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes and life chances for them.

However, we are concerned that the increasing numbers of holiday days that are being requested **and** taken in term time in all schools across the cluster are becoming significant barriers in enabling all of our children and young people to realise their potential.

We would also like to remind families that learners should not be collected early from school on a regular basis. This practice disrupts learning and can impact your child's education and wellbeing. All schools within our cluster are aligned in this approach: regular early collection is not supported unless there are exceptional circumstances. We understand that occasional early pickups may be necessary due to medical appointments or emergencies, but these should be kept to a minimum and communicated in advance.

We wish to raise awareness of the need for a robust commitment to high attendance and we would ask you all to work hard with us in striving for the highest possible attendance record. There is a clear link between wellbeing, attendance and achievement in school and we would kindly encourage you to support your child by working in partnership with your school.

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