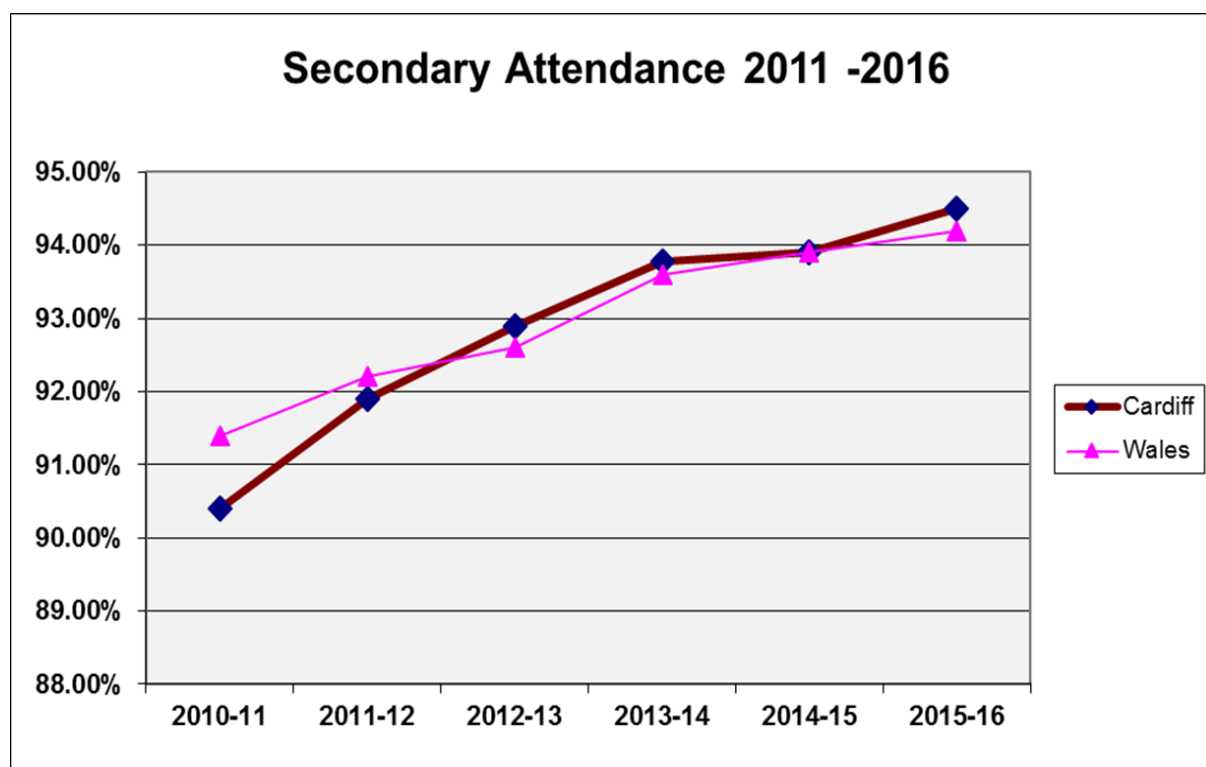


**Attendance at School****Secondary Schools**

- 9.1 The 2015-16 overall attendance figure for secondary schools was 94.5%, which was a 0.6ppt improvement on the previous year.
- 9.2 This is above the Welsh average of 94.2% and places Cardiff 7th out of the 22 local authorities in Wales for secondary school attendance compared with 11<sup>th</sup> in 2015. Cardiff's attendance rate is also better than similar authorities e.g. Newport and Swansea.



- 9.3 Attendance improved in sixteen out of the nineteen secondary schools with nine schools achieving attendance above 95% compared to seven last year.
- 9.4 The attendance of children who are looked after (LAC) is generally good and at secondary level was 95.3% overall compared with 94.4% for all pupils.
- 9.5 The table below shows the attendance at secondary schools of eFSM pupils compared to the whole secondary cohort for the five authorities which make up the Central South Consortium.

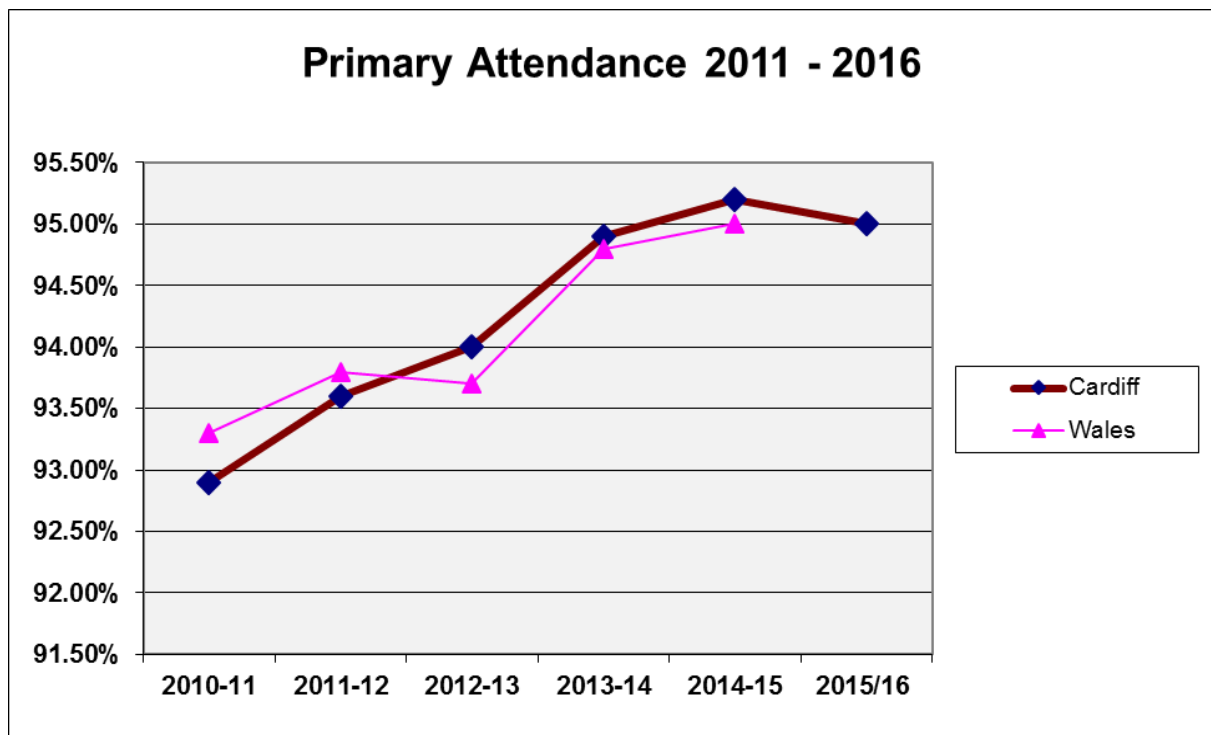
All Pupils					
Bridgend	The Vale	RCT	Merthyr Tydfil	Cardiff	CSC
94.5%	95%	94%	93.4%	94.5%	94.4%
eFSM Pupils					
91.4%	91.1%	90.4%	90.3%	90.7%	90.8%

9.6 The attendance of eFSM pupils in Cardiff's secondary schools has improved by 1.93ppt since 2012/13, compared to 1.45ppt for non-FSM pupils. However, their attendance is significantly below that of non-FSM pupils.

Secondary Attendance	Year			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
FSM pupils- Cardiff	88.77%	90.19%	89.82%	90.7%
FSM pupils- Wales	88.04%	89.30%	89.75%	90.2%
Non-FSM pupils- Cardiff	94.05%	94.84%	94.94%	95.5%
Non-FSM pupils- Wales	93.64%	94.55%	94.55%	95.0%
Difference (non-FSM%-FSM%) - Cardiff	5.28	4.65	5.12	4.80
Difference (non-FSM%-FSM%) - Wales	5.60	5.25	5.00	4.70

### Primary Schools

9.7 Attendance in primary schools fell very slightly to 95% which was a 0.1ppt decrease on the previous year. The national average is 94.9%. Overall, 48.4% of primary schools achieved an attendance rate over 95% and 22.1% of schools achieved attendance of 96% or above.



9.8 Overall primary attendance dropped by 0.2ppt on the previous year from 95.2% to 95%. This is still above the Welsh average of 94.9% but reduces the LA's rank from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Primary school attendance in 15-16 was on track to improve slightly on last year's position. However, in May, there was appeal case which saw the High Court side with a father and held that he did not have to pay a fine levied against him by the appellant council for taking his daughter out of school for a holiday during term time (IOW vs Platt). This decision is set to be challenged but had significant ramifications for all LA's in relation to FPN's for holidays in term time. The judgement resulted in a significant increase in the number of families in Cardiff taking a holiday in term time in the summer term and consequently caused a marked drop in overall attendance at Primary level. The impact was less significant at secondary level as the attendance reporting period for secondary schools ended in May shortly after the High Court ruling.

9.9 The attendance of eFSM pupils in Cardiff's primary schools has improved by 1.2ppt since 2012/13, compared to 0.9ppt for non-FSM pupils. The attendance of eFSM pupils is less than that of non-FSM pupils and in line with the Welsh average.

Primary Attendance	Year			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
FSM pupils- Cardiff	91.7%	92.8%	93.1%	92.9%
FSM pupils- Wales	91.4%	92.6%	92.9%	92.7%
Non-FSM pupils- Cardiff	94.7%	95.6%	95.8%	95.6%
Non-FSM pupils- Wales	94.3%	95.3%	95.5%	95.5%
Difference (non-FSM%-FSM%) - Cardiff	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.7
Difference (non-FSM%-FSM%) - Wales	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7