

Important Attendance Information – Unauthorised Absences

Something we are saying more frequently...

'Unfortunately, that absence will be recorded as unauthorised.'

But what does this actually mean and why does it matter?

The facts:

- Unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices being processed (fines).
- Fines are not just issued for holidays taken during term time (fixed penalty notices). Holidays are never authorised during term time.
- If your child has 10 unauthorised absences, which is five days, you could be at risk of being fined whether you have been on holiday or not (truancy penalty notice)
- Odd absences from school add up very quickly and without adequate contact or evidence requested, these may be logged as unauthorised.



But most importantly, absences from school **negatively impact children**.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development.

Data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent across the key stage.

If you need support and facing challenges... talk to us. We can tackle them together.

More info: [Why is school attendance so important and what are the risks of missing a day? – The Education Hub](#)

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