

ABSENCE

We would prefer it if you did not take children on holiday during term time as this will disrupt their learning. The law says that parents/carers may request up to 10 days in a school year for the purposes of one family holiday. The law also says that the family holiday must be in exceptional circumstances, meaning it is not possible for a holiday to be taken during school holidays. The Government and the Local Authority believe that family holidays should be taken during school holidays.

The Department for Education and Employment requires information on school absences.

Reception children are not included in the return until they reach five years of age. The return covers the Autumn and Spring terms.

	2007-08	2008-09
Number of pupils included in the return	96	99
Number of pupil sessions	27638	24,599
Authorised absences	1019 (3.69%)	838 (3.41%)
Number of pupils with an authorised absence	87	
Unauthorised absences	327 (1.18%)	76 (0.31%)
Number of pupils with an unauthorised absence	9	

The 2009/2010 target set by Governors for maximum absences is: 4.84%.