



Attendance



AN INFORMATION SHEET BY THE TRAVELLER MOVEMENT

Good school attendance is essential to ensuring that a child or young person receives a quality education. Attendance is so important that schools are legally required to follow strict attendance guidelines and must take action in cases of poor attendance.

Being in some form of education is mandatory for all children in the UK between the ages of 5 and 18. It is a legal requirement, and parents who fail to ensure their child's attendance may face fines.

AGED 5-18

The law requires all children to receive a full-time education from the age of five until the last Friday of June after they turn eighteen.

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 OR 17

Young people aged 16 or 17 have more options than just full-time education. They may choose to earn while they learn through an apprenticeship or by combining part-time work with part-time education.

You must obtain permission from the head teacher if you wish to take your child out of school during term time. The head teacher will decide how many days of absence are permitted. Permission is required for any absence from school, including family occasions such as weddings and funerals.

Missing one day per week over the course of a year would result in 80% attendance, which is likely to raise concern with the school.