



# The T-Code

AN INFORMATION SHEET BY THE TRAVELLER MOVEMENT

## WHAT IS THE T CODE?

The T-Code is a specific code used to authorise certain absences for families who need to travel for work. If your family is travelling for work purposes, ensure you inform the school, allowing them to record a 'T' in the register, which marks agreed absences for Romany Gypsy and Irish Traveller pupils while their parents are travelling for work.

To ensure continuity in education, Romany Gypsy and Irish Traveller children are expected to attend a school near their travelling location and be dual registered at both their main school and the local school during the period of travel.

## WHEN CAN THE T-CODE BE USED?

This code should only be applied when families are travelling for occupational purposes, having agreed on the absence with the school in advance, but where it's uncertain if the pupil is attending educational provision.

## WHEN CAN THE T-CODE NOT BE USED?

The T-Code cannot be used for any other absences, such as for weddings, funerals, or non-work-related events. Families from these groups who are not travelling are expected to register their children at a school and ensure regular attendance, following the same rules as all other children.