



# ATTENDANCE POLICY

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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to show our commitment at Wallingford School to meeting our obligations with regards to school attendance, including those laid out in the statutory guidance on [Working together to improve school attendance](#) from the Department for Education (DfE).

As part of Merchant Taylors' Oxfordshire Academy Trust (MTOAT) we aim to achieve this through our whole-trust culture and ethos that values good attendance, which includes:

- Setting high expectations for the attendance and punctuality of all students
- Promoting good attendance and the benefits of good attendance
- Reducing absence, including persistent and severe absence
- Ensuring every student has access to the full-time education to which they are entitled
- Acting early to address patterns of absence
- Building strong relationships with families to make sure students have the support in place to attend school

We will also promote and support punctuality in attending lessons.

## 2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy is based on the DfE's statutory guidance on [Working together to improve school attendance](#) and [School attendance parental responsibility measures](#). The guidance is based on the following pieces of legislation, which set out the legal powers and duties that govern school attendance:

- Part 6 of the [Education Act 1996](#)
- Part 7 of the [Education and Inspections Act 2006](#)
- **The School Attendance (Student Registration) (England) Regulations 2024**
- [The Education \(Penalty Notices\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#)
- The **Equality Act 2010**

It also refers to:

- [School census guidance](#)
- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- **Mental health issues affecting a student's attendance: guidance for schools**
- **Ofsted's 2025 framework toolkit**

This policy also complies with our trust's funding agreement and articles of association and links to the following school policies **available on our school website**:

- Safeguarding policy
- Behaviour policy

- Supporting students with medical conditions

### 3. Roles and Responsibilities

Key contacts: Call 01491 837 115 or email [office.4140@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:office.4140@wallingfordschool.com).

- SLT member responsible for attendance: James Keeling, Assistant Headteacher
- School Attendance Officer: Sandie Currill

#### 3.1 The local governing body

The local governing body (LGB) is responsible for:

- Setting high expectations of all school leaders, staff, students and parents
- Making sure school leaders fulfil expectations and statutory duties, including:
- Making sure the school records attendance accurately in the register, and shares the required information with the DfE and local authorities
- Making sure the school works effectively with local partners to help remove barriers to attendance, and keeps them informed regarding specific students, where appropriate
- Recognising and promoting the importance of school attendance across the school's policies and ethos
- Making sure the school's attendance management processes are delivered effectively, and that consistent support is provided for students who need it most by prioritising staff and resources
- Making sure the school has high aspirations for all students, but adapts processes and support to students' individual needs
- Regularly reviewing and challenging attendance data and helping school leaders focus improvement efforts on individual students or cohorts who need it most through regular attendance review meetings
- Working with school leaders to set goals or areas of focus for attendance and providing support and challenge
- Monitoring attendance figures for the whole school and repeatedly evaluating the effectiveness of the school's processes and improvement efforts to make sure they are meeting students' needs
- Where the school is struggling with attendance, working with school leaders to develop a comprehensive action plan to improve attendance
- Making sure all staff receive adequate training on attendance, including with teachers from across the trust, as part of the regular continued professional development offer, so that staff understand:
  - The importance of good attendance
  - That absence is almost always a symptom of wider issues
  - The school's legal requirements for keeping registers

- The school's strategies and procedures for tracking, following up on and improving attendance, including working with partners and keeping them informed regarding specific students, where appropriate
- Making sure dedicated training is provided to staff with a specific attendance function in their role, including in interpreting and analysing attendance data
- Sharing effective practice on attendance management and improvement across the trust and providing regular opportunities for staff from different schools to come together, learn from each other and share resources
- Holding the headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy
- Overseeing the Wellbeing Committee in their remit to monitor student attendance and exclusions

### **3.2 The headteacher**

The headteacher is responsible for:

- The implementation of this policy at the school
- Monitoring school-level absence data and reporting it to governors
- Supporting staff with monitoring the attendance of individual students
- Monitoring the impact of any implemented attendance strategies
- Issuing penalty notices, where necessary and/or authorising the relevant SLT member to be able to do so
- Working with the parents of students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) to develop specific support approaches for attendance for students with SEND, including where school transport is regularly being missed, and where students with SEND face in-school barriers
- Communicating with the local authority when a student with an education, health and care (EHC) plan has falling attendance, or where there are barriers to attendance that relate to the student's needs
- Communicating the school's high expectations for attendance and punctuality regularly to students and parents through all available channels
- Sharing information from the school register with the local authority, including:
  - Notifying the local authority when a student's name is added to or deleted from the school admission register outside of standard transition times
  - Providing the local authority with the details of students who fail to attend school regularly, or who have been marked with an unauthorised absence for a continuous period of 10 school days
  - Providing the local authority with the details of students who the school believes will miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively because of sickness

### **3.3 The designated SLT member responsible for attendance**

The designated SLT member is responsible for:

- Leading, championing and improving attendance across the school
- Setting a clear vision for improving and maintaining good attendance
- Evaluating and monitoring expectations and processes
- Having a strong grasp of absence data and oversight of absence data analysis
- Regularly monitoring and evaluating progress in attendance
- Establishing and maintaining effective systems for tackling absence, and making sure they are followed by all staff
- Liaising with students, parents/carers and external agencies, where needed
- Building close and productive relationships with parents to discuss and tackle attendance issues
- Creating intervention or reintegration plans in partnership with students and their parents/carers
- Delivering targeted intervention and support to students and families

### **3.4 The school attendance officer**

The school attendance officer is responsible for:

- Monitoring and analysing attendance data (see section 9)
- Benchmarking attendance data to identify areas of focus for improvement
- Providing regular attendance reports to school staff and reporting concerns about attendance to the designated senior leader responsible for attendance, and the headteacher
- Working with education welfare officers to tackle persistent absence
- Advising the headteacher when to issue fixed-penalty notices

### **3.5 Form tutors/Class teachers**

All form tutors and class teachers are responsible for recording attendance for both morning and afternoon sessions on a daily basis, using the correct codes (see Appendix 1), and submitting this information to the school office on the same day

### **3.6 Reception/Admin office staff**

Reception/Admin office staff will:

- Take calls from parents/carers about absence on a day-to-day basis and record it on the school system
- Transfer calls from parents/carers to the head of year or pastoral lead, where appropriate, in order to provide them with more detailed support on attendance

### 3.8 Parents/Carers

Where this policy refers to a parent/carer, it refers to the adult the school and/or local authority decides is most appropriate to work with, including:

- All natural parents, whether they are married or not
- All those who have parental responsibility for a child or young person
- Those who have day-to-day responsibility for the child (i.e. lives with and looks after them)

Parents/carers are expected to:

- Make sure their child attends every timetabled session on time
- Call the school to report their child's absence before 9.30am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return
- Provide the school with more than one emergency contact number for their child
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day
- Seek support, where necessary, for maintaining good attendance, by contacting their child's head of year or the school's pastoral lead

### 3.9 Students

Students are expected to:

- Attend every timetabled session, on time
- Sixth form: Call the school to report their absence before 9.30am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence

## 4. Recording Attendance

### 4.1 Attendance register

We keep an electronic attendance register and place all students on this register.

We take our attendance register at the start of the first session of each school day and at the start of the second session (period 5). We mark, using the appropriate national attendance and absence codes from the School Attendance (Student Registration) (England) Regulations 2024, whether every student is:

- Present
- Attending an approved off-site educational activity
- Absent
- Absent – unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances



Any amendment to the attendance register will include:

- The original entry
- The amended entry
- The reason for the amendment
- The date on which the amendment was made
- The name and position of the person who made the amendment

See Appendix 1 for the DfE attendance codes.

We also record:

- Whether the absence is authorised or not
- The nature of the activity, where a student is attending an approved educational activity
- The nature of circumstances, where a student is unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances

We keep every entry on the attendance register for six years after the date on which the entry was made.

The school day starts at 08:40 and ends at 15:05.

Students must arrive in school by 08:40 on each school day.

The register for the first session will be taken at 08:40 and will be kept open until 09:00. The register for the second session will be taken at 13:25 (start of period 5) and will be kept open until 13:55.

## 4.2 Unplanned absence

The student's parent/carer must notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence by 09:30, or as soon as practically possible, by calling the school reception on 01491 837 115 or emailing [office.4140@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:office.4140@wallingfordschool.com).

We will mark absence due to physical or mental illness as authorised unless the school has a genuine concern about the authenticity of the illness. Where there are doubts about the authenticity of the illness, the school will ask for medical evidence, such as a doctor's note, prescription, appointment card or other appropriate form of evidence. We will not ask for medical evidence unnecessarily.

## 4.3 Planned absence

Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised as long as the student's parent/carer notifies the school in advance of the appointment (via the student's form tutor or head of year).

However, we encourage parents to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the student should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

The student's parent/carer must also apply for other types of term-time absence as far in advance as possible of the requested absence. See section 5 to find out which term-time absences the school can authorise.

#### **4.4 Lateness and punctuality**

A student who arrives late:

- Before the register has closed will be marked as late, using the appropriate code
- After the register has closed will be marked as absent, using the appropriate code

#### **4.5 Following up unexplained absence**

Where any student we expect to attend school does not attend, or stops attending, without reason, the school will:

- Call the student's parent/carer on the morning of the first day of unexplained absence to ascertain the reason. If we cannot reach any of the student's emergency contacts, the school may resort to other measures including but not limited to – unannounced home visits or contact with external agencies such as the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) team.
- Identify whether the absence is approved or not
- Identify the correct attendance code to use and input it as soon as the reason for absence is ascertained – this will be no later than five working days after the session(s) for which the student was absent
- Call the parent/carer on each day that the absence continues without explanation, to make sure proper safeguarding action is taken where necessary
- Where relevant, report the unexplained absence to the student's youth offending team officer
- Where appropriate, offer support to the student and/or their parents/carers to improve attendance
- Identify whether the student needs support from wider partners, as quickly as possible, and make the necessary referrals
- Where support is not appropriate, not successful, or not engaged with the school will resort to other measures including but not limited to – contact with the OCC Attendance Team which may if deemed necessary result in legal intervention.

#### **4.6 Reporting to parents/carers**

The school will regularly inform parents/carers (see definition of 'parent', as used in this policy, in section 3.8 above) about their child's attendance and absence levels.

## 5. Authorised Absence

### 5.1 Approval for term-time absence

The headteacher will only grant a **leave of absence** to a student during term time if the request meets the specific circumstances set out in the **2024 school attendance regulations**. (*Note that this is the latest government guidance*). These circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance, or regulated employment abroad
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

A leave of absence is granted at the headteacher's discretion, including the length of time the student is authorised to be absent for.

We define 'exceptional circumstances' as rare and unexpected circumstances that are unlikely to re-occur, such as medical emergencies or family emergencies (e.g. death of a relative).

Leave of absence will not be granted for a student to take part in protest activity during school hours.

As a leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

The school considers each application for term-time absence individually, taking into account the specific facts, circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

Any request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated, notifying the attendance officer [attendance@wallingfordschool.com](mailto:attendance@wallingfordschool.com), students tutor and student's Head of Year. The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for leave of absence.

### 5.2 Other reasons for authorised absence

Other valid reasons for **authorised absence** include (but are not limited to):

- Illness (including mental-health illness) and medical/dental appointments (see sections 4.2 and 4.3 for more detail)
- Religious observance – where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the student's parent(s) belong. If necessary, the school will seek advice from the parent's religious body to confirm whether the day is set apart
- Parent(s) travelling for occupational purposes – a student is a mobile child if their parent is travelling in the course of their trade or business and the student is travelling with them. In these circumstances a student will be considered as a mobile child, provided they are of compulsory school age and have no fixed abode and whose parent is in a trade or business that requires them to travel from place to place
- If the student is currently suspended or excluded from school (and no alternative provision has been made)

### **5.3 Absences from the school site (which are not classified as absences)**

Other reasons the school may allow a student to be absent from the school site, which are not classified as absences, include (but are not limited to):

- Attending an offsite approved educational activity, sporting activity or visit or trip arranged by the school
- Attending another school at which the student is also registered (dual registration)
- Attending provision arranged by the local authority
- Attending work experience
- If there is any other unavoidable cause for the student not to attend school, such as disruption to travel caused by an emergency, a lack of access arrangements, or because the school premises are closed

## **6. Strategies for Promoting Attendance**

We want our students to succeed and develop their skills. To do this, students need to avoid missing lessons and days of school as much as possible. As a school, we want to reward high attendance and not just penalise students for poor attendance.

Excellent attendance is celebrated regularly through tutor time, assemblies and positive attendance certificates. Improved attendance is also celebrated via a range of measures.

## **7. Supporting Students with Poor Attendance**

Our school will make use of the full range of support and potential sanctions – including, but not limited to, those listed below – to tackle poor attendance. Decisions will be made on an individual, case-by-case basis.

### **7.1 Attendance contract**

We use attendance contracts as a form of attendance support where recommended by the OCC Attendance Team. An attendance contract is a formal written agreement between a parent and the school to address irregular attendance at school. An attendance contract is not legally binding, but it provides a more formal route where previous support has not worked or would not have been appropriate.

Parents cannot be compelled to enter an attendance contract, and the school cannot agree an attendance contract in a parent's absence.

Where an attendance contract would be an appropriate form of support, the school will arrange a meeting with the parent(s) (and student if they are old enough to understand) to discuss how we can work in partnership to improve the student's attendance.

Where parents fail to comply with an agreed attendance contract, the school may seek an alternative course of action. In the first instance, this will include discussions with the parents to seek explanations and determine whether the attendance contract remains useful. Where

there is further non-compliance following these discussions, the school may take further action.

## 7.2 Education supervision order

In cases where voluntary early help plans and attendance contracts have been unsuccessful, we may work with the local authority to issue an education supervision order. If an education supervision order is considered, the local authority will inform the parent(s) in writing and will set up a meeting.

An education supervision order is a formal intervention but **not** criminal prosecution.

An education supervision order initially lasts for one year, but it can be extended within the last three months for a period of up to three years at a time.

In cases where parents persistently fail to meet the directions given under the education supervision order, they may be liable to a fine of up to £1,000 upon conviction.

## 7.3 Notice to improve

If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate, but parents do not engage with offers of support, the school may offer a notice to improve to give parents a final chance to engage with support.

Notices to improve will be issued in line with processes set out in the local code of conduct for the local authority area in which the student attends school.

They will include:

- Details of the student's attendance record and of the offences
- The benefits of regular attendance and the duty of parents under **section 7 of the Education Act 1996**
- Details of the support provided so far
- Opportunities for further support, or to access previously provided support that was not engaged with
- A clear warning that a penalty notice may be issued if attendance doesn't improve within the improvement period, along with details of what sufficient improvement looks like, which will be decided on a case-by-case basis
- A clear timeframe of between three and six weeks for the improvement period
- The grounds on which a penalty notice may be issued before the end of the improvement period

## 7.4 Penalty notices

The headteacher, local authority or the police can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age, by issuing a penalty notice.

If the school issues a penalty notice, we will check with the local authority before doing so and send the local authority a copy of any penalty notice issued.

Before issuing a penalty notice, the school will consider the individual case, including:

- Whether the national threshold for considering a penalty notice has been met (10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks)
- Whether a penalty notice is the best available tool to improve attendance for that student
- Whether further support, a notice to improve or another legal intervention would be a more appropriate solution
- Whether any obligations that the school has under the Equality Act 2010 make issuing a penalty notice inappropriate

Each parent who is liable for the student's offence(s) can be issued with a penalty notice, but this will usually only be the parent/parents who allowed the absence.

The payment must be made directly to the local authority, regardless of who issues the notice. If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute or withdraw the notice.

If issued with a **first** penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

If a **second** penalty notice is issued to the same parent in respect of the same student, the parent must pay £160 if paid within 28 days.

A **third** penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the issue of the first penalty notice. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time within those 3 years, alternative action will be taken instead.

A penalty notice may also be issued where parents allow their child to be present in a public place during school hours without reasonable justification, during the first 5 days of a suspension or exclusion (where the school has notified the parents that the student must not be present in a public place on that day). These penalty notices are not included in the National Framework, are not subject to the same considerations about support being provided, and do not count towards the limit as part of the escalation process.

In these cases, the parent must pay £60 within 21 days, or £120.

## 8. Supporting Students who are Absent or Returning to School

### 8.1 Students absent due to complex barriers to attendance

We work closely with various supportive agencies to help support young people with complex barriers to attendance. This includes but is not limited to – OCC SEN; MHST (Mental Health Support Team); CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services); GPs as well as a variety of additional agencies.

We have key pastoral leads who support the attendance of key vulnerable groups of students. This includes but it is not limited to our – Pupil Premium Champion, EBSA lead (Emotionally Based School Avoidance), Inclusion and Support Lead, Young Carers lead.

## 8.2 Students absent due to mental or physical ill health

We will work closely with families to set out individualised supportive attendance strategies in these scenarios. The starting point for this is usefully through communication via the students tutor and/or Head of Year.

We also have an EBSA lead and utilise aspects of the OCC EBSA toolkit with certain students and families.

## 8.3 Students returning to school after a lengthy or unavoidable period of absence

We support students and their families as they return to school after a lengthy or unavoidable period of absence.

# 9. Attendance Monitoring

Attendance is monitored at all levels within the school. This is done through:

- Tutors challenging lateness and repetitive absence patterns of their tutees
- Heads of Year looking at weekly attendance data for individual students and their year groups as a whole
- Attendance officer generating weekly attendance reports.
- Pastoral Strategy Group with pastoral leads from across the school (including but not limited to DSLs, SEN team, PP champion, admissions officer, inclusion support lead, EBSA lead) meeting weekly to discuss different aspects of attendance and developing strategies that are reactive to the most up-to-date data.
- Attendance is a standing agenda item at weekly SLT meetings
- Attendance is a standing agenda item at long termly Wellbeing Governor's meetings

## 9.1 Monitoring attendance

The school will monitor attendance and absence data (including punctuality) weekly, half-termly, termly and yearly across the school and at an individual student, year group and cohort level.

Specific student information will be shared with the DfE on request.

Data will be collected each term and published at national and local authority level through the DfE's school absence national statistics releases. The underlying school-level absence data is published alongside the national statistics.

The school will benchmark its attendance data at whole school, year group and cohort level against local, regional, and national levels to identify areas of focus for improvement and share this with the LGB.

## 9.2 Analysing attendance

The school will:

- Analyse attendance and absence data regularly to identify students, groups or cohorts that need additional support with their attendance
- Identify students whose absences may be a cause for concern, especially those who demonstrate patterns of persistent or severe absence
- Conduct thorough analysis of half-termly, termly, and full-year data to identify patterns and trends
- Look at historic and emerging patterns of attendance and absence, and then develop strategies to address these patterns
- Identify attendance patterns across the trust to identify common issues and barriers and share effective practice between schools

## 9.3 Using data to improve attendance

The school will:

- Develop targeted actions to address patterns of absence (of all severities) of individual students, groups or cohorts that it has identified via data analysis
- Provide targeted support to the students it has identified whose absences may be a cause for concern, especially those who demonstrate patterns of persistent or severe absence, and their families (see section 9.4 below)
- Provide regular attendance reports to heads of year and form tutors to facilitate discussions with students and families, and to the LGB and school leaders (including special educational needs co-ordinators, designated safeguarding lead and deputy designated safeguarding lead, and pupil premium lead)
- Use data to monitor and evaluate the impact of any interventions put in place in order to modify them and inform future strategies
- Share information and work collaboratively with other trusts and schools in the area, local authorities and other partners where a student's absence is at risk of becoming persistent or severe, including keeping them informed regarding specific students, where appropriate

## 9.4 Reducing persistent and severe absence

Persistent absence is where a student misses 10% or more of school, and severe absence is where a student misses 50% or more of school. Reducing persistent and severe absence is central to the school's strategy for improving attendance.

The school will:



- Use attendance data to find patterns and trends of persistent and severe absence
- Consider potential safeguarding issues and, where suspected or present, address them in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Hold regular meetings with the parents/carers of students who the school (and/or local authority) considers to be vulnerable or at risk of persistent or severe absence, or who are persistently or severely absent, to:
  - Discuss attendance and engagement at school
  - Listen, and understand barriers to attendance
  - Explain the help that is available
  - Explain the potential consequences of, and sanctions for, persistent and severe absence
  - Review any existing actions or interventions
  - Provide access to wider support services to remove the barriers to attendance, in conjunction with the local authority, where relevant
  - Consider alternative support that could be put in place to remove any barriers to attendance and re-engage these students. In doing so, the school will sensitively consider some of the reasons for absence
- Implement sanctions, where necessary (see section 7, above)

## 10. Monitoring Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed as guidance from the local authority and/or DfE is updated, and as a minimum annually and approved by the LGB.

## Appendix 1: Attendance Codes

The following codes are taken from the DfE’s [guidance on school attendance](#).

Code	Definition	Scenario
/	Present (am)	Student is present at morning registration
\	Present (pm)	Student is present at afternoon registration (period 5)
-	Register not taken	This is a temporary mark
L	Late arrival	Student arrives late before register has closed
<b>Attending a place other than the school</b>		
B	Attending any other approved educational activity	Student is attending a place for an approved educational activity that is not a sporting activity or work experience
D	Dual registered	Student is attending a session at another setting where they are also registered
K	Attending education provision arranged by the local authority	Student is attending a place other than a school at which they are registered, for educational provision arranged by the local authority
P	Participating in a sporting activity	Student is participating in a supervised sporting activity approved by the school
V	Attending an educational visit or trip	Student is on an educational visit/trip organised or approved by the school

<b>W</b>	Attending work experience	Student is on an approved work experience placement
<b>Absent – leave of absence</b>		
<b>C</b>	Exceptional circumstances	Student has been granted a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances
<b>C1</b>	Participating in a regulated performance or undertaking regulated employment abroad	Student is undertaking employment (paid or unpaid) during school hours, approved by the school
<b>C2</b>	Part-time timetable	Student is not in school due to having a part-time timetable
<b>J1</b>	Interview	Student has an interview with a prospective employer/educational establishment
<b>M</b>	Medical/dental appointment	Student is at a medical or dental appointment
<b>S</b>	Study leave	Student has been granted leave of absence to study for a public examination
<b>X</b>	Not required to be in school	Student of non-compulsory school age is not required to attend
<b>Absent – other authorised reasons</b>		
<b>E</b>	Suspended or excluded	Student has been suspended or excluded from school and no alternative provision has been made
<b>I</b>	Illness (not medical or dental appointment)	Student is unable to attend due to illness (either related to physical or mental health)

<b>R</b>	Religious observance	Student is taking part in a day of religious observance
<b>T</b>	Parent travelling for occupational purposes	Student is a 'mobile child' who is travelling with their parent(s) who are travelling for occupational purposes
<b>Absent – unable to attend school because of unavoidable cause</b>		
<b>Q</b>	Lack of access arrangements	Student is unable to attend school because the local authority has failed to make access arrangements to enable attendance at school
<b>Y1</b>	Transport not available	Student is unable to attend because school is not within walking distance of their home and the transport normally provided is not available
<b>Y2</b>	Widespread disruption to travel	Student is unable to attend because of widespread disruption to travel caused by a local, national or international emergency
<b>Y3</b>	Part of school premises closed	Student is unable to attend because they cannot practicably be accommodated in the part of the premises that remains open
<b>Y4</b>	Whole school site unexpectedly closed	Every student absent as the school is closed unexpectedly (e.g. due to adverse weather)
<b>Y5</b>	Criminal justice detention	Student is unable to attend as they are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In police detention</li> <li>• Remanded to youth detention, awaiting trial or sentencing, or</li> <li>• Detained under a sentence of detention</li> </ul>

<b>Y6</b>	Public health guidance or law	Student's travel to or attendance at the school would be prohibited under public health guidance or law
<b>Y7</b>	Any other unavoidable cause	To be used where an unavoidable cause is not covered by the other codes
<b>Absent – unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>G</b>	Holiday not granted by the school	Student is absent for the purpose of a holiday, not approved by the school
<b>N</b>	Reason for absence not yet established	Reason for absence has not been established before the register closes
<b>O</b>	Absent in other or unknown circumstances	No reason for absence has been established, or the school isn't satisfied that the reason given would be recorded using one of the codes for authorised absence
<b>U</b>	Arrived in school after registration closed	Student has arrived late, after the register has closed but before the end of session
<b>Administrative codes</b>		
<b>Z</b>	Prospective student not on admission register	Student has not joined school yet but has been registered
<b>#</b>	Planned whole-school closure	Whole-school closures that are known and planned in advance, including school holidays