

Gypsy, Roma, Traveller & Showman Families Travelling for Work Purposes: Advice for Parents



Does your work require you and your family to travel?



Have you spoken to the school about your travel plans?



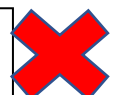
Has your child been in school for 200 sessions (100 days) in the past 12 months?



Have you completed a leave of absence request form?



Can you give a date when your child will be returning to school?



The Headteacher can authorise absence

- School should provide access to online learning or a work pack
- You can try to dual register at another school

The Headteacher cannot authorise absence

- Your child may lose their school place
- You may be given a fine

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I take my child out of school to visit sick relatives, attend weddings and funerals?

- Headteachers can only authorise absences in exceptional circumstances.

What if I don't have a return date?

- Give the school as much information as you can regarding a possible return date
- Call your child's school every week and keep them up to date with any changes

Further information available:

[Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[The T Code - Friends, Families and Travellers \(gypsy-traveller.org\)](#)

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