

Advice for Parents: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Families Travelling for Work Purposes

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Is your child ascribed as a Traveller or Showman? ❌

Does your work require you and your family to travel? ❌

Have you spoken to the school about your travel plans?
Can you show you are travelling for work purposes? ❌

Has your child been to school for 100 days in the past 12 months? ❌

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 advice available:

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