

BPRU IS PART OF THE EAST STAFFORDSHIRE TAMWORTH PRUs FEDERATION

1. All students have an ILP.
2. Attendance is logged twice per day using Arbor; and adapting to all DfE changes of codes etc, see Appendix 2a.
3. Attendance is shared with all staff via email on a daily basis.

NAME OF POLICY: ATTENDANCE		FEDERATION KSSS ONLY BPRU ONLY	POLICY NUMBER: ED BPRU 1	
EFFECTIVE DATE: RATIFIED BY MC: 14th Nov 2022		*REVIEW DATE BY SLT: Sept 2024 REVIEW DATE OF POLICY BY MC: Nov 2024		
AUTHOR OF POLICY: TB (reviewed by EWO: VC		PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING/UP DATING: TB & SB		
DATE OF CHANGE	AUTHOR OF CHANGE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES	PAGE NUMBER OF CHANGES	NEW REVIEW DATE*
Sept 22	TB/VCO	Amended to notify school of pupil absence to 9:15am	3	
Sept 22	TB	Added paragraph regarding Absence disrupting education and 2 Attendance graphs	3	
Sept 22	TB	Recognising students attendance – chocolate rewards added.	4	
Sept 22	TB	Morning registration is 8:45am. Afternoon 12:15pm.	4	
Sept 22	TB	Arriving late paragraph – wording changed to ‘if arrive late <i>after</i> 9:15am will be marked with L code	5	
Sept 22	TB	Paragraph and graph added regarding persistent lateness	6	
Sept 22	TB	% changed in terms of persistent absence to 85% being realistic for PRU as per EWS and if students attendance falls below 80% without good reason school will not authorise for illness without medical evidence as per EWS consultation.	7 & 8	
Sept 22	TB	Enforcement of School Attendance paragraph added	8	
Sept 22	TB	Removal of Mandy Logan’s name x 2 and added office staff	9	
Sept 22	TB	Removal of half termly attendance clinics	10	
Sept 22	TB	KCSIE updated 2022 and Removal of Covid Related	11	

ATTENDANCE POLICY AT BPRU

This policy is compliant with SCC policy and based on the guidance issued by the DFE on school attendance.

“Promoting excellent attendance is the responsibility of the whole school community”

PRINCIPLES

The Management Committee at Burton Pupil Referral Unit (BPRU) recognise that children must attend school regularly if they are to make the best of the opportunities they have to learn and make best progress.

Prolonged and consistent absence, in any year group, results in limited progress and low levels of achievement. Children quickly begin to fall behind their peers and often never fully catch up with gaps in their skills and knowledge.

In addition, repeated and consistent lateness is an unsettling start to the school day for both the child and school. Children will miss out on important learning opportunities at the start of the day and may also result in a penalty warning being issued.

As a school we follow the **Department for Education** guidelines and expect children to maintain an attendance figure above **95%** throughout the academic year.

Our Expectations at BPRU

We expect that all pupils will:

- Attend school regularly and punctually.
- Arrive at school by 8.45am and 12:15pm for the afternoon session.
- Attend school appropriately prepared for the day.

We expect that parents/carers will:

- Ensure their child attends school regularly, punctually, properly equipped and ready to learn.

Regular attendance is a legal requirement.

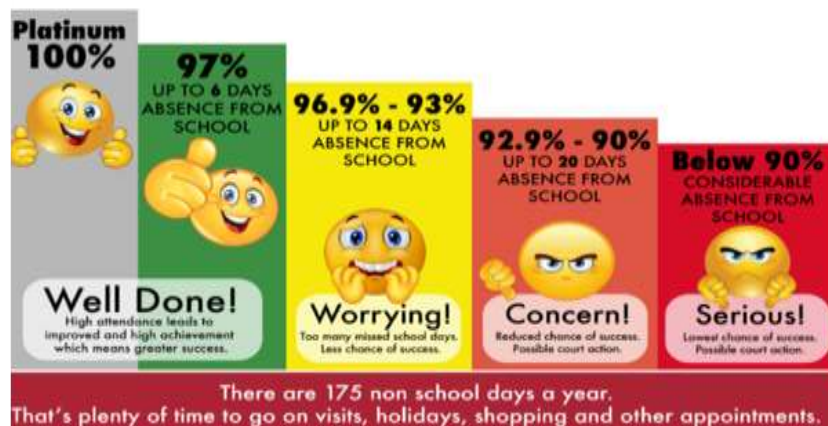
- Notify the school of a pupil absence by 9.15am.
- Not take their children out of school during term time for the purpose of family holidays,
- Provide the school with up to date contact details and telephone numbers for every adult with parental responsibility.
- Contact the school promptly whenever any problem occurs that may keep a child away from school

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware those children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

Every minute counts - examples

Attendance during one school year	equals this no. of days absent	which is approx. this many weeks absent	means this no missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons



We expect that all staff will:

- Praise pupils for punctuality and good attendance.
- Monitor pupil absence and inform the Headteacher / Attendance Officer when absence is impacting upon achievement.

We expect the Headteacher / Attendance Officer will:

- Inform parents/carers of school policy and procedures with regards to attendance.
- Monitor attendance as a priority and to develop policies and procedures to ensure the expectation of 95% attendance is met.
- Intervene early when individual pupil absence gives cause for concern
- Develop a multi-agency response to attendance.
- Utilise the support of available specialists in relation to the attendance.
- Report termly to the Management Committee.

Recognising student's attendance

- Annual Top Attender – Gift Voucher
- Half Termly Top Attender – Chocolate reward
- Termly Top Attender – Chocolate reward & Certificate
- Most Improved Attender – Chocolate reward & Certificate

PROCEDURES

We expect children to arrive at school at 08:45am. On entry the paper register will be taken and pupils will be expected to hand in their valuables / phones and any medication to staff.

The school uses an electronic register. When students are on Alternative Provision / Work Experience the school will monitor their attendance by requesting registers from the Alternative provider and contacting their Work Experience Placement by phone.

Morning Registration is 8.45am

Afternoon Registration 12:15pm

Please refer to Appendix 2 for Attendance Codes

PENALTY NOTICES: NEW SCC GUIDANCE IN FORCE FROM 1.1.2018

A Penalty Notice is a fine to a parent who fails to ensure their child's regular attendance/punctuality at school or fails to ensure that their excluded child is not in a public place during the first five days of exclusion. Parents/carers must pay £60 if they pay within 21 days; or £120 if they pay within 28 days. This brings attendance penalty notices into line with other types of penalty notices and allows local authorities to act faster on prosecutions. ***Please refer to Appendix 1 for Absence Flowchart***

ARRIVING LATE

Students should arrive at school at 8:45am; if they arrive after 9:15am they will be marked with a 'L' code for being late. If lateness persists – it could result in a fixed penalty warning being issued. [Afternoon registration is at 12:15pm.] Unlike mainstream school, we do not close the Register and therefore Code U is not used, due to pupils' having timetable to suit their learning.

The school office is responsible for maintaining the signing in/out book. This must contain details of name, class, time admitted/time released, reason for lateness/early departure and be signed by supervising adult.

If a child is regularly late

1. The Headteacher will write to parents/carers to inform them of the number of times the child has been late, how much time that they have been late for and to remind them of the school policy and expectations.
2. If lateness persists the Headteacher will invite parents/carers to a meeting with the Keyworker to discuss ways in which the school can support the family in getting the child to school on time.

Persistent Late

Persistent late arrival at school i.e. after the register has closed, may result in the involvement of the Education Welfare Service. They will investigate why the child has been late on the dates given. ***This investigation could result in parents/carers receiving a Penalty Notice.***

As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as irregular attendance and parents may be prosecuted by the Local Authority if late arrival is not resolved.

We have to advise you as a parent/carer of a child of statutory school age, you have a legal responsibility to ensure full time education suitable to the child’s age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs the child may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. (Education Act 1996)

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

Attendance and Illness

If a child is ill the parent/carer’s first point of action is to call the school **01283 247986** where possible, before 9.00am and notify the Attendance Officer of the absence and the reason for the absence.

This needs to be done every day of absence (unless the child is admitted to hospital, or has a long-term illness-related absence for a period of time - in this instance parents/carers do not need to ring every day).

If a child is not in school and we have not had a phone call by mid-morning our Attendance Officer will call parents/carers to find out why a child is not in school.

Parents permitting absence from school without a good reason is considered an offence.

Home Visits

Any student not seen after 3 consecutive days will need to be seen for a safe and well by a member of school staff and if not seen during day will be visited by Senior Leader from school out of school hours and failing that if the student is still not seen the Police will be contacted to do a safe and well check.

Medical Appointments

Apart from official hospital letters (which we would need to see copy of letter) – any doctors/dentist/optician appointments etc must be made out of school hours or the absence will not be authorised. If you do go for an appointment in the morning we expect the student to return after the appointment and vice versa, if afternoon appointment the student is expected to attend morning lessons first. A whole day for an appointment is not acceptable and will not be authorised (unless hospital appt).

Leave of Absence

The Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are “exceptional circumstances”.

Holidays are not generally considered as “exceptional circumstances”. It is expected that families will take holiday in the school holiday periods.

Any request for leave of absence must be made in writing to the Headteacher on the ‘Request for Leave’ proforma available from the school office (***Appendix 4***). **The Headteacher is the only person able to authorise leave of absence.**

The Headteacher may grant compassionate leave as authorised absence.

If leave of absence (holiday) is taken without permission, this will result in an Unauthorised Absence (G) being recorded on the child’s attendance record. They will investigate why the child has been absent on the dates given. ***This investigation could result in parents/carers receiving a Penalty Notice.***

Persistent Absence

When attendance becomes a concern

1. If a child is absent on a regular basis without adequate explanation, or is absent regularly on specific days, e.g. Monday or children are absent for prolonged periods of time, the school will contact parents/carers to discuss the problems and to seek a solution.
2. **If a child’s attendance falls below 85%** at any time within the school year, the Headteacher will write to parents/carers to inform them that their child’s attendance has fallen below 85%. Parents/carers will be reminded of their legal duty and of the school’s policy and expectations.

3. If attendance does not improve the Headteacher will invite parents/carers to a meeting with the school's Learning Mentor to discuss ways in which the school can support the family in getting the child to school every day.
4. **When an individual pupil's attendance level falls below 85%** in any term without good reason, school will not be able to authorise any further absence for illness without medical evidence to confirm the illness. In order to authorise continued illness related non-attendance parents/carers will need to provide the school with, for example:
 - a. A doctor's note or medical certificate
 - b. An appointment card date stamped to say you have visited your GP, hospital or dentist.
 - c. A copy of the dated prescription
 - d. Copy of labels from medicine bottles

Otherwise the absences will be recorded as unauthorised (O).

Please note we are able to administer prescribed medicines for more than 3 times per day in the school office – please ask office staff for details.

If the child's attendance does not improve the Education Welfare Service may become involved and this may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

A Penalty Notice may be issued in cases of persistent absence. A warning letter will be sent and a 20-day period of improvement will commence, if there is an unauthorised absence in this 20-day period the penalty notice may be issued. Only one penalty warning notice will be issued per academic year, if attendance does not improve, statutory action will be looked at.

Enforcement of School Attendance

Where children are not receiving a full-time education and there isn't a good reason why not, parents may have to pay a fine, these are called Penalty Notice.

Parents may also have to attend court where they could receive both a fine and a criminal record.

Both parent(s) are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school regularly.

Penalty Notices are issued to parent(s) separately for each child.

If issued with fines, both parent(s) are required to make payment for their own Penalty Notice.

For example, if there are 2 parents and 2 children, 4 Penalty Notices will be issued.

Penalty Notices for Excluded Children

A penalty notice may be issued to any parent who allows their excluded child to be seen in a public place at any time during school hours in their child's first 5 days of exclusion. An 'excluded child' is one who has been excluded from school for a given period under the education and inspection act 2006.

People responsible for attendance matters in this school are:

- The Headteacher, **Mrs Kirsty Rogers** has overall responsibility for ensuring that there are appropriate and efficient systems in place to promote and support the school attendance policy, that these are adhered to and training is given where appropriate.
- First Day Contact: The office staff: will record the reason for absence or ring home if no reason for the absence has been received.
- Request for leave of absence can only be authorised by the Executive Headteacher, **Mrs Kirsty Rogers**. The Attendance Officer will monitor the attendance and punctuality of pupils in school on a weekly basis where attendance is below 85%.
- The Headteacher or staff can be contacted regarding children being reluctant to come to school.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

AFTER AN EXCLUSION

After an exclusion, a reintegration meeting (with the child, their parent/carer and member of SLT), is required before the student is reintegrated back into their education. If this meeting does not actually take place, it is the policy of BPRU (having had direction from the Local Authority) that an O mark will be entered until the meeting takes place and the child will not be admitted; if it is longer than 5 days – this will be reported to EWS.

BPRU fulltime offer is from 8:45am to 2:00pm Monday to Thursday and 12:15 pm on Fridays. Students are with staff at all times, undertaking social and academic learning, earning STEP points in each session. This placement is 25 hours and 45 mins per week.

Points considered if a child requires a reduced timetable as part of their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) *Appendix 3:*

The Head of School at BPRU sets a clear ILP which is shared with the student and their family, it is reviewed formally at each half termly Performance Review Day (with as many external agencies that the family are working with, if not on a weekly basis as new opportunities are planned for).

Annual Register Inspections

BPRU is subject to annual Register Inspections by Staffordshire County Council. All reports are shared with the Management Committee & the Chair of Management Committee has a copy sent direct.

TERMLY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEETINGS

The Headteacher reports and discussed the Attendance in her termly report to Governors. weekly overall; half termly overall; termly overall; annual overall KPI data. Including examples of the individual tracking of attendance per half term/termly with attendance targets reviewed.

Due to induction periods, Alternative Provision planned for and meeting the student's emotional needs, attendance by provision is also calculated and tracked.

END OF DAY REPORT – DAILY ABSENTEES TO ALL STAFF

The Attendance Officer will email all staff – the reasons why a child is not in school on a daily basis, so that each Keyworker can also support attendance issues with parents/carers.

SUMMARY

The school has a legal duty to publish its absence figures to parents/carers and to promote good attendance.

Parents/carers have a duty to make sure that their children attend school.

Staff and The Management Committee at the Burton Pupil Referral Unit, are committed to working with parents/carers to ensure that children attend school regularly.

Mrs K Rogers
Executive Headteacher

OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS:

BPRU: PRE-ADMISSIONS PARENT/CARER INDUCTION PACK.

BPRU: WEBSITE

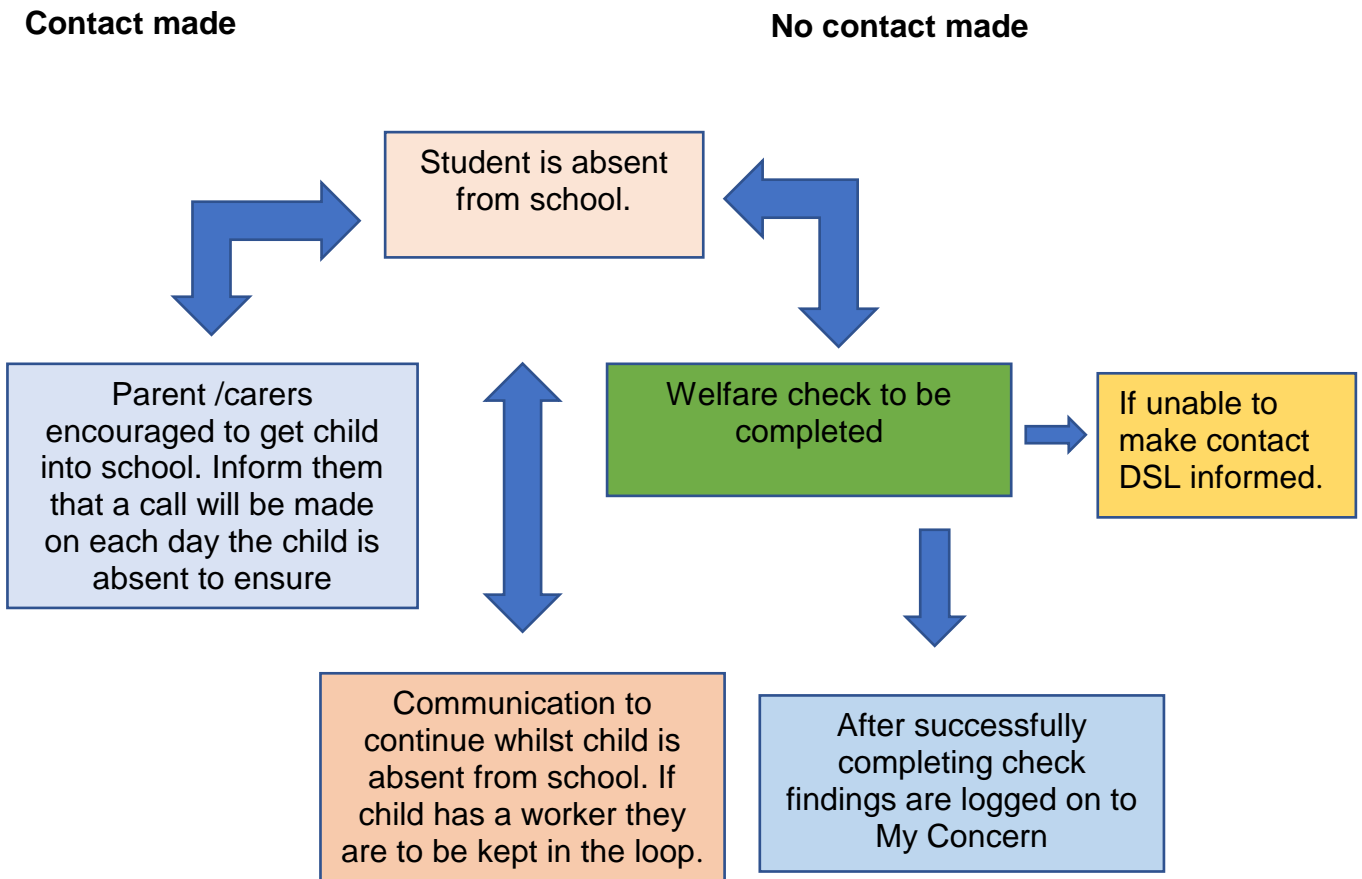
BPRU: TEACHING & LEARNING POLICY

DFE CHILDREN MISSING OUT ON EDUCATION

SCC CHILDREN MISSING OUT ON EDUCATION

KCSIE 2022

BPRU ABSENCE FLOW CHART



Absence (Number of days)	Action
1	Office staff to call home. These continue from a positive point of view until child is back in. If there is communication the absence is recorded and we encourage attendance when possible. Non-communication triggers a welfare check. If a child has a worker they are also informed of the absence.
5 (1 school week)	If circumstance allows, letter to be sent home to see if there is anything that can be done from a school point of view to get the child back in. All relevant parties receive a copy of this correspondence.
10 (2 school weeks)	Parents / carers are officially invited in to meet headteacher/Keyworker with regards to attendance.
10 +	Process continues, letter sent out via Head of School / Executive Head with regards to improving attendance.
20+	Child Missing in Education paperwork to be prepared.

ATTENDANCE CODES

Code	Scenario	
/	Present AM	Present during morning registration.
\	Present PM	Present during afternoon registration.
B	Off-Site Education	This code should be used when pupils are present at an off-site educational activity that has been approved by the school. Ultimately schools are responsible for the 11 safeguarding and welfare of pupils educated off-site. Therefore, by using code B schools are certifying that the education is supervised and measures have been taken to safeguard pupils. This code should not be used for any unsupervised educational activity or where a pupil is at home doing school work. Schools should ensure that they have in place arrangements whereby the provider of the alternative activity notifies the school of any absences by individual pupils. The school should record the pupil's absence using the relevant absence code.
C	Authorised Absence	Only exceptional circumstances warrant an authorised leave of absence. Schools should consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.
D	Dual Registered	Student at another educational establishment This code is not counted as a possible attendance in the School Census. The law allows for dual registration of pupils at more than one school. This code is used to indicate that the pupil was not expected to attend the session in question because they were scheduled to attend the other school at which they are registered. The main examples of dual registration are pupils who are attending a pupil referral unit, managed move with another school, a hospital school or a special school on a temporary basis. It can also be used when the pupil is known to be registered at another school during the session in question. Each school should only record the pupil's attendance and absence for those sessions that the pupil is scheduled to attend their school. Schools should ensure that they have in place arrangements whereby all unexplained and unexpected absence is followed up in a timely manner.
E	Excluded but no alternative Provision	If no alternative provision is made for a pupil to continue their education whilst they are excluded but still on the admission register, they should be marked absent in the attendance register using Code E. Alternative provision must be arranged for each excluded pupil from the sixth consecutive day of any fixed period or permanent exclusion. Where alternative provision is made they should be marked using the appropriate attendance code.
G	Holiday not authorised by the school or in excess of the period determined by the Headteacher	If a school does not authorise a leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday but the parents still take the child out of school, or the child is kept away for longer than was agreed, the absence is unauthorised. The regulations do not allow schools to give retrospective approval. If the parents did not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised.
H	Holiday authorised	Headteachers should not grant leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. The application must be made in advance and the Headteacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case which warrant the leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the Headteacher will determine the number of days a pupil can be away from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the Headteacher's discretion.

I	Illness	Schools should advise parents to notify them on the first day the child is unable to attend due to illness. Schools should authorise absences due to illness unless they have genuine cause for concern about the veracity of an illness. If the authenticity of illness is in doubt, schools can request parents to provide medical evidence to support illness. Schools can record the absence as unauthorised if not satisfied of the authenticity of the illness but should advise parents of their intention. Schools are advised not to request medical evidence unnecessarily. Medical evidence can take the form of prescriptions, appointment cards, etc. rather than doctors' notes.
J	Attending Interview	At an interview with prospective employers, or another educational establishment This code should be used to record time spent in interviews with prospective employers or another educational establishment. Schools should be satisfied that the interview is linked to employment prospects, further education or transfer to another educational establishment.
L	Late Arrival	Arrived before the register closed.
M	Medical / Dental Appointment	Missing registration for a medical or dental appointment is counted as an authorised absence. Schools should, however, encourage parents to make appointments out of school hours. Where this is not possible, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment.
N	Reason for absence not yet provided	Schools should follow up all unexplained and unexpected absences in a timely manner. Every effort should be made to establish the reason for a pupil's absence. When the reason for the pupil's absence has been established the register should be amended. This code should not be left on a pupil's attendance record indefinitely; if no reason for absence is provided after a reasonable amount of time it should be replaced with code O (absent from school without authorisation).
O	Absent without authorisation	If the school is not satisfied with the reason given for absence they should record it as unauthorised.
P	Supervised Sporting Activity	This code should be used to record the sessions when a pupil is taking part in a sporting activity that has been approved by the school and supervised by someone authorised by the school.
R	Religious Observance	Schools must treat absence as authorised when it is due to religious observance. The day must be exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the parents belong. Where necessary, schools should seek advice from the parents' religious body about whether it has set the day apart for religious observance.
S	Study Leave	Schools must record study leave as authorised absence. Study leave should be used sparingly and only granted to Year 11 pupils during public examinations. Provision should still be made available for those pupils who want to continue to come into school to revise.
T	Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Absence	A number of different groups are covered by the generic term Traveller – Roma, English and Welsh Gypsies, Irish and Scottish Travellers, Showmen (fairground people) and Circus people, Bargees (occupational boat dwellers) and New Travellers. This code should be used when Traveller families are known to be travelling for occupational purposes and have agreed this with the school but it is not known whether the pupil is attending educational provision. It should not be used for any other types of absence by these groups. To help ensure continuity of education for Traveller children it is expected that the child should attend school elsewhere when their family is travelling and be dual registered at that school and the main school. Children from these groups whose families do not travel are expected to register at a school and attend as normal. They are subject to the same rules as other children in terms of the requirement to attend school regularly once registered at a school.

U	Arrived in school after registration closed	Schools should actively discourage late arrival, be alert to patterns of late arrival and seek an explanation from the parent. Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) For the school year 2020 to 2021, a new category has been added to record instances when a pupil is 'not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19)'. See this addendum for further information, including advice on the application of code X (Appendix 1a)
V	Educational Visit or Trip	This code should be used for attendance at an organised trip or visit, including residential trips organised by the school, or attendance at a supervised trip of a strictly educational nature arranged by an organisation approved by the school.
W	Work Experience	Work experience is for pupils in the final two years of compulsory education. Schools should ensure that they have in place arrangements whereby the work experience placement provider notifies the school of any absences by individual pupils. Any absence should be recorded using the relevant code. Authorised Absence from School Authorised absence' means that the school has either given approval in advance for a pupil of compulsory school age to be away, or has accepted an explanation offered afterwards as justification for absence.
X	Not attending in circumstances relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) [see Appendix 1A]	(This code is not counted as an absence in the school census) This code is used to record sessions where the pupil's travel to or presence at school would conflict with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ guidance relating to the incidence or transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) from Public Health England or the Department of Health and Social Care¹² or ▪ any legislation (or instruments such as statutory directions) relating to the incidence or transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). And their equivalents in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland if a pupil attending a school in England resides there. Schools should also continue to use code X to record when a pupil not of compulsory school age is not expected to attend as detailed below. Administrative Codes The following codes are not counted as a possible attendance in the School Census. Code X: Not required to be in school This code is used to record sessions that non-compulsory school age children are not expected to attend.
Y	Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances	This code can be used where a pupil is unable to attend because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The school site, or part of it, is closed due to an unavoidable cause; or ▪ The transport provided by the school or a local authority is not available and where the pupil's home is not within walking distance; or ▪ A local or national emergency has resulted in widespread disruption to travel which has prevented the pupil from attending school. This code can also be used where a pupil is unable to attend because: ▪ The pupil is in custody; detained for a period of less than four months. If the school has evidence from the place of custody that the pupil is attending educational activities then they can record those sessions as code B (present at approved educational activity). This code is collected in the School Census for statistical purposes.
Z	Pupil not on Admission Register	This code is available to enable schools to set up registers in advance of pupils joining the school to ease administration burdens. Schools must put pupils on the admission register from the first day that the school has agreed, or been notified, that the pupil will attend the school.

#	Planned whole or partial closure	<p>This code should be used for whole or partial school closures that are known or planned in advance such as: between terms; half terms; occasional days (for example, bank holidays); weekends (where it is required by the management information system); up to five non-educational days to be used for curriculum planning/training; and use of schools as polling stations.</p> <p>Different Term Dates for Different Pupils Schools and Local Authorities can agree to set different term dates for different year groups – e.g. for ‘staggered starts’ or ‘induction days’. Code # can be used to record the year group(s) that is not due to attend. This is only acceptable where the school ensures that those pupils not attending on that day are still offered a full education over the school year</p>
-	No mark recorded	

STUDENT ILP STATUS

STUDENT:		STATUS:	SINGLE / DUAL: P/EX / OTHER:
YEAR GROUP:	7/8/9/10/11		
START DATE:		EXTERNAL AGENCIES:	LST / SW / CAMHS / T3 / YOT & CP / SCHOOL COUNSELLOR / CSE / SARAC / OTHER:
STAFF:	SB		
PREVIOUS SCHOOL ILP:	F/T / P/T / HOURS / OTHER:	PROPOSED ILP:	INCREASE / DECREASE / OTHER:
REASON FOR CHANGING ILP		TICK/ CIRCLE & GIVE REASON	
ASSESSMENTS IN SCHOOL / INDUCTION INTO SCHOOL / INDUCTION INTO AP:		EAGLES / COLLEGE / BAB / OTHER:	
TO MEET THE STUDENT'S LEARNING NEEDS:		SA+ / EHA / EHC ASSESS / EP / EHCP / OTHER:	
CONTINUED CONFRONTATION / DAMAGE TO PROPERTY / V&A ISSUES:		SCIP / V&A / POLICE / OTHER:	
CONTINUED VERBAL / OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS OTHERS:		SWEARING / RACISIM / BULLYING/ SEXUALISED BEHAVIOUR / OTHER:	
CONTINUED REFUSAL TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS :		B4L / STAFF TRACKER / OTHER:	
OTHER: (Please specify)			

PROPOSED ILP:

<u>CURRICULUM:</u> ENGLISH MATHS SCIENCE ART PSHE PE FOOD OTHER:		<u>PLACEMENT:</u> KSSS OASIS WEX <u>AP:</u> E.QUALITY EAGLES BAB COLLEGE OTHER:	
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EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE CHANGE IN ILP
EVIDENCE TO MONITOR

QUALITY T&L:		LEARNING WALKS / BOOK SCRUTINY / PRD REPORTS	
SAFER ENVIRONMENT:		MIN DAMAGE / ACCIDENTS FORMS / V&A /SCIP/POLICE	
IMPROVED BEHAVIOURS:		POINTS / P.BOX / RAFFLE TICKETS	
PLANNED REINTEGRATION		WEEKLY KPI / SPIDER TRACKER/ MEETINGS	
IMPROVED STUDENT WELL BEING:		ATETNDANCE / POSITIVE B4L/ STUDENT VOICE	

P/C INFORMED AT MEETING: DATE:		P/C – BPRU – STUDENT REVIEW MEETING: DATE:	
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SIGNED: SB/AM:

DATE:

Request for leave during term time (TEMPLATE LETTER)4

To: The Headteacher: of: Date.....

I request consideration for of leave of absence from school during term time for:

My child

for the period from (date) to (date)

The **exceptional** circumstances and reason for this request are:

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.....

I have another child(ren) in another school(s) as follows:

Child full name(s) School attended.....

Child full name(s) School attended

Signature of 1st parent/carer(s)..... Print Name.....

Signature of 2nd parent/carer(s)..... Print Name.....

Please return completed form to the school office. The school will write to you and inform you of the decision on whether the request is authorised or not.

Office Use Only

Current Attendance:% Last Year's Attendance:%

Number of school sessions taken as leave this academic year

Agreed/Not Agreed

Request for leave is agreed/is not agreed for the above student to take leave during term time between the above dates.

Rationale to decline request:.....

Signed: Headteacher Date:

Notification of decision letter sent to parent/carer.....(date)

School Letter Leave Agreed (TEMPLATE LETTER)

APPENDIX 5

(Parent/carer(s) name and address)

Date

Dear (Parent/carer(s) name)

(Child's name and date of birth)

Thank you for your letter dated (date) requesting permission for (pupil's name) to be absent from school from to

You will be aware that the Department of Education made important changes to the law for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time. The changes made it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Local Authority and school governors support this; therefore, students will only be given permission to take leave in term time if there are exceptional circumstances.

Having looked at your application, I feel that your request can be supported in this instance. **Therefore, the absence to include the dates requested will be authorised.**

Our key priority is to ensure that your child(ren) are as successful as possible and are able to achieve (his/her) full potential. I would therefore ask that you support your child in catching up on the time they will miss in school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Rogers
Executive Headteacher

School Letter Leave Not Agreed (TEMPLATE LETTER)

(Parent/carer(s) name and address)

Date

Dear (Parent/carer(s) name)

(Child's name and date of birth)

Thank you for your letter dated (date) requesting permission for (pupil's name) to be absent from school from to

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I have considered your application very carefully. Although I understand the reason for your request, I am unable to approve leave of absence in this instance, as I believe the circumstances are not exceptional. **Therefore, if your child is away from school during this period it will be recorded as Unauthorised Absence.**

As a school we are obliged to inform you that **you may be subject to a Penalty Notice if you proceed and your child's absence from school is recorded as unauthorised.** This is in line with Staffordshire County Council Code of Conduct.

The Penalty Notice fine would be :-

- £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to
- £120 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days.
- If the fine is not paid within 28 days you may be prosecuted under S444.1 of the Education Act 1996.

I must advise you that if the prosecution takes place, the maximum fine is £1,000 per parent, per child. This reflects the seriousness of unauthorised absence from school.

Our key priority is to ensure your child(ren) are as successful as possible, are able to reach his/her full potential and gains maximum benefits from his/her educational experience.

I would hope that upon reflection you are able to support this decision in line with the Local Authority and Government policy, that leave should be restricted to the 13 weeks school holidays except in exceptional circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Rogers
Executive Headteacher