

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“With regard to authorised absences of pupils from school for each Key Stage, will the Minister state for each year from 2018 to date –

- (a) the number of authorised absences;
- (b) the number of absent days;
- (c) the number of absent days as a percentage of the school days during the year; and
- (d) how many absences were due to illness, or other reasons, including details of the reasons if known?”

Answer

Basis of preparation:

- (i) The attendance data in this report represents authorised absence and the data has been exported from SIMS on 24/07/2023.
- (ii) All compulsory school age pupils from all Government schools in Jersey have been grouped in the following key stages as follows:
 - Foundation:** Reception (Year 0);
 - KS1:** Year 1 and Year 2;
 - KS2:** Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6;
 - KS3:** Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9; and
 - KS4:** Year 10 and Year 11.

The attendance data between 23/03/2020 and 31/07/2020 has been excluded for reporting purposes as this represents the period the schools were closed due to Covid lockdown in academic year 2019/2020. The recording of the absence data during that period is inconsistent.

The attendance for one day table includes 2 sessions: the morning sessions (AM) and the afternoon session (PM). The days lost do not represent full days, but the total number of sessions (AM and PM) divided by 2.

(a) Number of authorised absences per session

Authorised absence by Session			
AcademicYear	AM	PM	Total
☐ 2022/2023	121840	129112	250952
Foundation	7666	7827	15493
KS1	13719	13926	27645
KS2	25499	25888	51387
KS3	26317	29562	55879
KS4	48639	51909	100548
☐ 2021/2022	150599	158456	309055
Foundation	10547	10998	21545
KS1	18941	19500	38441
KS2	39803	41116	80919
KS3	31634	35008	66642
KS4	49674	51834	101508
☐ 2020/2021	93623	99025	192648
Foundation	6072	6035	12107
KS1	8931	9092	18023
KS2	21886	22777	44663
KS3	18607	21301	39908
KS4	38127	39820	77947
☐ 2019/2020	50398	53369	103767
Foundation	4851	4936	9787
KS1	7759	7691	15450
KS2	15312	15673	30985
KS3	12014	13454	25468
KS4	10462	11615	22077
☐ 2018/2019	93554	97542	191096
Foundation	6220	6281	12501
KS1	10716	10687	21403
KS2	18552	18889	37441
KS3	15999	17939	33938
KS4	42067	43746	85813
Total	510014	537504	1047518

(b) number of absent days

Authorised absence by Days lost

AcademicYear	Days lost
☐ 2018/2019	95548
Foundation	6251
KS1	10702
KS2	18721
KS3	16969
KS4	42907
☐ 2019/2020	51884
Foundation	4894
KS1	7725
KS2	15493
KS3	12734
KS4	11039
☐ 2020/2021	96324
Foundation	6054
KS1	9012
KS2	22332
KS3	19954
KS4	38974
☐ 2021/2022	154528
Foundation	10773
KS1	19221
KS2	40460
KS3	33321
KS4	50754
☐ 2022/2023	125476
Foundation	7747
KS1	13823
KS2	25694
KS3	27940
KS4	50274
Total	523759

(c) the number of absent days as a percentage of the school days during the year

% Authorised absence			
AcademicYear	AM	PM	Total
2022/2023	6.5%	6.9%	6.7%
Foundation	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%
KS1	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
KS2	4.0%	4.1%	4.0%
KS3	5.7%	6.4%	6.0%
KS4	15.6%	16.7%	16.2%
2021/2022	8.1%	8.6%	8.3%
Foundation	7.1%	7.5%	7.3%
KS1	6.1%	6.3%	6.2%
KS2	6.1%	6.3%	6.2%
KS3	7.1%	7.9%	7.5%
KS4	16.7%	17.5%	17.1%
2020/2021	5.2%	5.5%	5.3%
Foundation	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
KS1	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%
KS2	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%
KS3	4.4%	5.0%	4.7%
KS4	13.6%	14.3%	14.0%
2019/2020	4.1%	4.4%	4.2%
Foundation	5.1%	5.2%	5.1%
KS1	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
KS2	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
KS3	4.1%	4.6%	4.3%
KS4	5.2%	5.8%	5.5%
2018/2019	5.1%	5.3%	5.2%
Foundation	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%
KS1	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
KS2	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%
KS3	3.8%	4.2%	4.0%
KS4	13.9%	14.5%	14.2%
Total	5.9%	6.3%	6.1%

(d) how many absences were due to illness, or other reasons, including details of the reasons if known?

Attendance codes:

AttendanceCode	Reason	Classification
E	Authorised absence as pupil is excluded, but still on the admission register, with no alternative provision made	Authorised
H	Authorised absence due to authorised family holiday	Authorised
I	Authorised absence due to illness (NOT medical or dental etc. appointments)	Authorised
M	Authorised absence due to medical / dental appointments	Authorised
R	Authorised absence due to religious observance	Authorised
S	Authorised absence due to study leave	Authorised
C	Authorised absence for reasons not covered by any other authorised absence code, this code should only be used in exceptional circumstances	Authorised
102	Illness Confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19)	Authorised

In addition to the attendance codes above, we have included the category “Other”. The “Other” category for authorised absence includes codes S, R, E and M, which have been grouped together to avoid disclosing identifiable data, as they represent numbers lower than 5 on different key stages.

Absence data are presented in the following pages.

Authorised absence by Code

AcademicYear	C	H	I	I02	Other	Total
☐ 2022/2023	11673	9083	148229	5845	76122	250952
☐ Foundation	786	1118	12118	340	1131	15493
AM	378	555	5880	173	680	7666
PM	408	563	6238	167	451	7827
☐ KS1	1837	1996	20982	788	2042	27645
AM	829	986	10200	414	1290	13719
PM	1008	1010	10782	374	752	13926
☐ KS2	3453	4025	38179	1921	3809	51387
AM	1660	1983	18437	1049	2370	25499
PM	1793	2042	19742	872	1439	25888
☐ KS3	3219	1372	45864	1476	3948	55879
AM	1613	674	20907	1082	2041	26317
PM	1606	698	24957	394	1907	29562
☐ KS4	2378	572	31086	1320	65192	100548
AM	1188	284	13993	942	32232	48639
PM	1190	288	17093	378	32960	51909
☐ 2021/2022	20786	11581	147887	58454	70347	309055
☐ Foundation	1586	1666	13238	4263	792	21545
AM	656	829	6390	2186	486	10547
PM	930	837	6848	2077	306	10998
☐ KS1	3738	2985	20556	9648	1514	38441
AM	1704	1481	9884	4923	949	18941
PM	2034	1504	10672	4725	565	19500
☐ KS2	7084	5572	39824	25255	3184	80919
AM	3178	2746	18356	13492	2031	39803
PM	3906	2826	21468	11763	1153	41116
☐ KS3	4950	1019	44549	12550	3574	66642
AM	2351	509	18259	8701	1814	31634
PM	2599	510	26290	3849	1760	35008
☐ KS4	3428	339	29720	6738	61283	101508
AM	1724	165	12544	4668	30573	49674
PM	1704	174	17176	2070	30710	51834

☐ 2020/2021	28543	2300	95137	3871	62797	192648
☐ Foundation	2998	462	7561	103	983	12107
AM	1522	227	3703	49	571	6072
PM	1476	235	3858	54	412	6035
☐ KS1	5260	506	10517	445	1295	18023
AM	2501	248	5136	215	831	8931
PM	2759	258	5381	230	464	9092
☐ KS2	12603	977	26950	1332	2801	44663
AM	6070	480	12996	664	1676	21886
PM	6533	497	13954	668	1125	22777
☐ KS3	3963	181	30669	1526	3569	39908
AM	1911	88	14038	808	1762	18607
PM	2052	93	16631	718	1807	21301
☐ KS4	3719	174	19440	465	54149	77947
AM	1871	88	8946	256	26966	38127
PM	1848	86	10494	209	27183	39820

Authorised absence by Code

AcademicYear	C	H	I	I02	Other	Total
☐ 2019/2020	9256	7136	78640		8735	103767
☐ Foundation	786	726	7593		682	9787
AM	327	359	3732		433	4851
PM	459	367	3861		249	4936
☐ KS1	1326	1742	11218		1164	15450
AM	671	859	5447		782	7759
PM	655	883	5771		382	7691
☐ KS2	3034	3219	22625		2107	30985
AM	1512	1584	10909		1307	15312
PM	1522	1635	11716		800	15673
☐ KS3	1902	955	20241		2370	25468
AM	952	468	9426		1168	12014
PM	950	487	10815		1202	13454
☐ KS4	2208	494	16963		2412	22077
AM	1067	245	7944		1206	10462
PM	1141	249	9019		1206	11615
☐ 2018/2019	8981	11628	101945		68542	191096
☐ Foundation	451	1505	9583		962	12501
AM	184	740	4659		637	6220
PM	267	765	4924		325	6281
☐ KS1	1354	2850	15414		1785	21403
AM	671	1409	7457		1179	10716
PM	683	1441	7957		606	10687
☐ KS2	2388	4797	27449		2807	37441
AM	1116	2357	13253		1826	18552
PM	1272	2440	14196		981	18889
☐ KS3	2610	1615	26154		3559	33938
AM	1172	793	12204		1830	15999
PM	1438	822	13950		1729	17939
☐ KS4	2178	861	23345		59429	85813
AM	1065	419	11022		29561	42067
PM	1113	442	12323		29868	43746
Total	79239	41728	571838	68170	286543	1047518