Absence from Oxfordshire schools
(provisional)
2016/17

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Persistent absence rates from Oxfordshire primary schools are remain below the national average.

Internal figures indicate that persistent absence rates have fallen again in 2016/17. National comparisons will be available in May 2018.
The rate of pupils persistently absent from Oxfordshire secondary schools is falling but remains noticeably higher than other areas.

4,148 pupils were classed as being persistently absent from secondary schools during 2016/17.
Total absence rates from Oxfordshire remain below national for primary schools but noticeably above national for secondary schools.
Authorised absence rates in Oxfordshire primary schools are in line with the national average. Unauthorised absence rates are lower than those nationally.

Provisional figures for 2016/17 indicate a decrease in authorised absence and an increase in unauthorised absence.
Authorised absence rates from secondary schools are continually higher in Oxfordshire than nationally.
Reasons for absence from primary schools in Oxfordshire follow the same pattern as nationally but are higher for illness and medical/dental appointments.

### Reasons for absence - primary schools

- **Illness**: 66.9%
- **Unauthorised - family holiday**: 8.1%
- **Medical/dental appointments**: 6.8%
- **Agreed family holiday**: 1.9%
- **Unauthorised - arrived late**: 1.5%
- **Religious observance**: 1.0%
- **Other - authorised**: 6.8%
- **Other - unauthorised**: 5.6%
- **No reason yet**: 1.0%

*Autumn/Spring term 2016/17*
Illness and medical/dental appointments are again count for the largest proportions of secondary school absences. Illness rates in Oxfordshire are again higher than elsewhere.
Persistent absence rates by pupil groups

![Persistent absence rate 2016/17 (all schools)](graph)