

36675 School Attendance

What advice did the Scottish Government give to the local authority with regard to recording COVID-related absence?

Please refer to the following attached documents:

[36675 Correspondence](#)

[36675 SEEMiS COVID-19 Attendance_Absence Codes](#)

Third-party personal information has been redacted from the documents provided in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

What work has the local authority done to ensure that all pupils are re-engaging with formal schooling following lockdown and how is that work being evaluated?

All schools have updated their own attendance policies in line with City of Edinburgh Council Attendance Procedures. The schools updated policies take into account any action required due to COVID-related absence. Schools individually evaluate their renewal plans at the end of every school year (June 2022).

Have any studies been carried out to estimate the number and characteristics of pupils who have failed to re-establish regular attendance following lockdown? If so, what have they found?

No centralised formal studies have been conducted.

In each of the past six years, how many pupils have attendance figures of a) less than 90%, b) less than 80%, c) less than 50%, d) 0% broken down by stage of schooling.

Please refer to the tables below which provide attendance levels broken down as requested:

<90%	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
2017	780	745	660	617	705	650	601	731	884	1036	983	767	577
2018	740	722	614	635	642	674	598	708	894	1003	929	766	491
2019	1078	1045	938	831	882	878	945	965	1149	1193	1103	914	724
2020	631	690	685	660	618	641	631	645	873	970	943	733	397
2021*	1221	1217	1254	1271	1227	1318	1275	990	1376	1481	1402	1231	916

<80%	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
2017	187	155	134	129	134	144	121	194	288	406	407	314	199
2018	181	172	158	128	135	145	145	198	296	394	414	308	157
2019	320	298	264	214	241	240	283	297	391	437	452	372	278
2020	207	229	203	196	186	186	180	198	310	391	368	263	143
2021*	327	335	324	304	299	337	334	317	492	603	663	541	361

<50%	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
2017	9	15	8	11	17	10	15	20	58	74	78	90	45
2018	11	18	18	15	11	14	9	21	46	72	84	68	31
2019	10	14	23	12	19	13	17	30	66	99	101	105	70
2020	18	24	25	22	27	17	26	17	51	44	59	40	15
2021*	17	21	15	21	24	18	29	39	96	131	140	126	55

0%	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6
2017	1	4	1	4	2	3	3		5	5	6	8	5
2018		3	6	2	2	6	1		5	4	5	5	4
2019		6	6	3	5	4	2	1	6	6	8	17	5
2020		2	6	2		4			3	1	1	1	3
2021*		2	3	2	2	3	3	1	6	1	5	9	3

*-To date

In each of the past six years, how many pupils have attendance figures of a) less than 90%, b) less than 80%, c) less than 50%, d) 0% broken down by i) P1-4; ii) P5-7; iii) S1-3; iv) S4-6.

Please refer to the tables below which provide attendance levels broken down as requested:

<90%	P1-P4	P5-P7	S1-S3	S4-S6
2017	2802	1956	2651	2327
2018	2711	1914	2605	2186

2019	3892	2705	3307	2741
2020	2666	1890	2488	2073
2021*	4963	3820	3847	3549

<80%	P1-P4	P5-P7	S1-S3	S4-S6
2017	605	399	888	920
2018	639	425	888	879
2019	1096	764	1125	1102
2020	835	552	899	774
2021*	1290	970	1412	1565

<50%	P1-P4	P5-P7	S1-S3	S4-S6
2017	43	42	152	213
2018	62	34	139	183
2019	59	49	195	276
2020	89	70	112	114
2021*	74	71	266	321

0%	P1-P4	P5-P7	S1-S3	S4-S6
2017	10	8	10	19
2018	11	9	9	14
2019	15	11	13	30
2020	10	4	4	5
2021*	7	8	8	17

*-To date

In each of the past six years, how many pupils have attendance figures of a) less than 90%, b) less than 80%, c) less than 50%, d) 0% broken down whether or not the pupils were in receipt of free school meals.

Please refer to the tables below which provide the information broken down as requested:

<90%	Free Meals	No Free Meals
2017	2260	7476
2018	2339	7077
2019	3182	9463
2020	3486	5631
2021*	4661	11518

<80%	Free Meals	No Free Meals
2017	771	2041
2018	883	1948
2019	1315	2772
2020	1425	1635
2021*	2082	3155

<50%	Free Meals	No Free Meals
2017	106	344
2018	103	315
2019	178	401
2020	139	246
2021*	297	435

0%	Free Meals	No Free Meals
2017	3	44
2018	7	36
2019	4	65
2020	4	19
2021*	8	32

*-To date

For each of the past six years, how many pupils have been reported to the Children's reporter due to failing to attend school? Of those, what was the percentage which returned a 'no further action'?

We are unable to provide the information requested because it is not held by the Council. However, we believe that all, or part of the information you seek is held by the Children's Reporter who can be contacted at:

<https://www.scra.gov.uk/about-scra/freedom-of-information/>