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Please note the following extract from the guidance:

Authorised absence includes absences related to ill health. Where the Local Authority has agreed that a young person may attend another establishment e.g. to participate in residential excursions or sporting events, this would also be considered authorised absence. The Head teacher has the delegated authority to authorise pupils' absence related to exceptional domestic circumstances e.g. bereavement or other traumatic events.

Unauthorised Absence includes absence deriving from reasons such as:- Unexplained Absences, Truancy (unauthorised absence from school for any period as a result of premeditated or spontaneous action on the part of pupil, parent/carer or both), Most family holidays during term time.

How many children in your local authority area have been absent for more than 10% or more the academic year up until the 1st May 2022?

15264 (P1-S6) pupils out of 54359 (28%) had an absence of 10% or more up to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

How many absences have been unauthorised in this academic year up until this date in your local authority area?

Of the above, there were 13114 pupils who had at least 1 opening as an unauthorised absence (24%)