

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***School Fines***

**Request:**

Just wanted to get some statistics about attendance records and school fines before and after the rules were tightened for families taking their children on holiday during term time.

Would you be able to provide the answers to the questions below?

1. What is the attendance record for 5-16 year olds at state primary and secondary schools in your LA over 2012/13, 2013/14 and the latest 2014/15 academic year?
2. How many authorised and unauthorised absences due to family holiday for 5-16 year olds did you have in your LA during the 2012/13, 2013/14 and the 2014/15 academic year?
3. How many fines were issued to parents for unauthorised absences for family holidays during the 2012/13, 2013/14 and the 2014/15 academic year?
4. What were the total value of the fines issued for unauthorised absences for family holidays during the 2012/13, 2013/14 and the 2014/15 academic year?
5. How many families have been taken to court for refusing to pay the fine in total since the tougher rules came into force in your LA in September 2013?

[In response to your request, we can confirm the following:](#)

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15*
Primary attendance	94.6	95.7	
Secondary attendance	93.6	94.5	
unauthorised absences due to family holiday	8579 days	10691 days	
authorised absences due to family holiday	33717 days	12383 days	

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Fines issued for unauthorised holiday	125	317	698
Value of fines issued for unauthorised absences for family holidays	5760	14580	34140
families have been taken to court for refusing to pay the fine	15	21	25

*14/15 data national release is not until March 2016. Unable to provide provisional data at this point as a number of schools in city converted to academy status during 14/15 resulting in gaps in data transfer.*