

2024/25 Code

SIMS Description
DfE Description

SIMS Statistical meaning

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Present (AM)
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Present (PM)
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B
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Attending any other Approved Educational Activity

Attending any other approved educational activity
Where schools use code B, they must also record the nature of the educational activity
Approved Educational Activity

C
C

Other authorised circumstances
Leave of absence for exceptional circumstances.
Authorised absence as pupil is absent due to other authorised circumstances.
Authorised absence

C1

Leave of Absence - regulated performance
Absent with leave for the purpose of participating in a regulated performance
Authorised absence

C2

Leave of absence - temporary part-time timetable
Absence with leave, of compulsory school age and temporary reduced timetable does not require them to attend
Authorised absence

D
D

Dual registration
Dual registered at another school
Attendance not required

E
E

Suspended or excluded without alternative provision
Excluded
Authorised absence as pupil is excluded, with no alternative provision made
Authorised absence

G

G

Family holiday (Not agreed)

Holiday not granted by the school or in excess of the period determined by the school

Unauthorised absence

I

I

Illness

Illness (not medical or dental appointment)

Authorised absence

J1

Leave of absence - Interview

Absent with leave for the purpose of attending an interview for employment or for admission to another educational institution

Authorised absence

K

Alternative Provision provided by LA

Attending a place, other than the school or another school at which they are a registered pupil, for educational provision arranged by LA (under section 19(1) of the Education Act 1996 or section 42 of the Childrens and Families Act 2014)

Where schools use code K, they must also record the nature of the educational activity

Approved Educational Activity

L

L

Late (before registers closed)

Late arrival before the register is closed

Present

M

M

Medical/Dental appointment

Medical or dental appointment

Authorised absence

N

N

No reason yet provided for absence

Reason for absence not yet provided

Unauthorised absence

O

O

Absent in other or unknown circumstances

Unauthorised absence

Absent without authorisation

Unauthorised absence

P

P

Participating in a sporting activity

Participating in a supervised sporting activity

Approved Educational Activity

Q

Unable to attend - lack of access arrangements
Unable to attend the school because of lack of access arrangements
Attendance not required

R
R

Religious observance
Religious observance

Authorised Absence

S
S

Study leave for public examination
Study leave
Leave of absence for the purpose of studying for a public examination
Authorised absence due to study leave

Authorised absence

T
T

Travelling with parent for occupational purposes
Parent travelling for occupational purposes

Authorised absence

U
U

Late (after registers close)
Arrived in school after registration closed

Unauthorised Absence

V
V

Attending an educational visit or trip
Attending an educational visit or trip

Approved educational activity

W
W

Attending work experience
Work experience
Attending work experience
Approved education activity as pupil is attending work experience

Approved educational activity

X
X

Not required to attend - non-compulsory school age pupil
Non-compulsory school age pupil not required to attend

Attendance not required

Y1

Unable to attend - normal transport not available
Unable to attend due to transport normally provided not being available
Attendance not required

Y2

Unable to attend - widespread travel disruption
Unable to attend due to widespread disruption to travel
Attendance not required

Y3

Unable to attend - Unavoidable partial closure
Unable to attend due to part of the school premises being closed
Attendance not required

Y4

Unable to attend - Unavoidable full closure
Unable to attend due to the whole school site being unexpectedly closed
Attendance not required

Y5

Unable to attend - criminal justice detention
Unable to attend as pupil is in criminal justice detention
Attendance not required

Y6

Unable to attend - Public health Guidance/Law
Unable to attend because of any other avoidable cause
Attendance not required

Y7

Unable to attend - Unavoidable other than Y1-Y6
Unable to attend because of any other unavoidable cause
(Where schools use code Y7, they must also record the nature of the unavoidable cause)
Attendance not required

Z
Z

Pupil not on roll
Prospective pupil not on admission register
Attendance not required

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All should attend / No mark recorded
All should attend / No mark recorded

No mark

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Planned whole school closure