

Advice for parents with children from travelling Gypsy, Roma and Traveller families



Is your child ascribed as a Traveller/Showman?



Does your work require you and your family to travel from place to place?



Does your child go to school regularly AND has been in school for 100 days in the past 12 months prior to your expected return date?



Have you spoken to your child's Head Teacher and talked about your travel plans? Please ask about a travel pack or dual registration while you are away.

Can you *show* you are travelling for the purpose of work?



Can you give a date when your child will return to school?



Absence from school



The Head Teacher can now decide whether

Frequently asked questions

Can I take my child out of school to visit relatives, attend weddings, funerals or go on holiday?

Permission needs to be given by the Head Teacher who can only authorise this in exceptional circumstances.

I don't know when I will be back so I cannot give a return date.

Choose a realistic date and stay in touch with school while you are away and tell them if your plans change. If you do not call school to tell them of any changes to your travel plans then your child could lose their school place.

What happens if I go away without following this advice?

If you go travelling and have not spoken to the head teacher about your plans then you could lose your child's school place after 20 days or get a fine.

If you need further advice please speak to your child's school or REMA Traveller Support 01483 519232