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Request and response:

1) The number of unauthorised absences from your schools due to pupils participating in the Friday climate change strikes.

To the best of our knowledge this information is not held. This is because there is no specific absence code as set out by the Department for Education (DfE) for this sort or activity an example of the coding is set out below.

This information should be held directly by the individual schools for this activity as each school is likely to have coded this differently, for example some may have coded as authorised or for any of the below unauthorised absence codes.

Each school can be contacted directly using the contact details on the below link:
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-contact-details/>

2) The number of fines issued related to these unauthorised absences.

To the best of our knowledge this information is not held, as it would be unlikely that a fine would be issued and none would be issued if the school authorised the absence.

3) The number of prosecutions underway, if any, for non-payment of these fines.

To the best of our knowledge this information is not held. This is because prosecution would only begin 28 days after non-payment of fines.

Information provided by: Together for Families

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Pupil attendance codes [Not for: Nursery schools]

Code	Description
/	Present (AM) (not collected in school census)
\	Present (PM) (not collected in school census)
L	Late (before registers closed) marked as present (not collected in school census)
I	Authorised absence due to illness (NOT medical or dental appointments)
M	Authorised absence due to medical / dental appointments
R	Authorised absence due to religious observance
S	Authorised absence due to study leave
T	Authorised absence due to traveller absence
H	Authorised absence due to agreed family holiday
E	Authorised absence as pupil is excluded, with no alternative provision made
C	Authorised absence as pupil is absent due to other authorised circumstances
B	Approved education activity as pupil being educated off site (not dual registration) (not collected in school census)
D	Dual registered (at another establishment) - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census)
J	Approved education activity as pupil is attending interview (not collected in school census)
P	Approved education activity as pupil is attending an approved sporting activity (not collected in school census)
V	Approved education activity as pupil is away on an educational visit or trip (not collected in school census)
W	Approved education activity as pupil is attending work experience (not collected in school census)
G	Unauthorised absence as pupil is on a family holiday, not agreed, or is taking days in excess of an agreed family holiday
U	Unauthorised absence as pupil arrived after registers closed
O	Unauthorised absence as pupil missed sessions for an unauthorised absence not covered by any other code / description
N	Unauthorised absence as pupil missed sessions for a reason that has not yet been provided
X	Non-compulsory school age absence - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census)
Y	Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances - not counted in possible attendances
Z	Pupil not yet on roll - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census)
#	Planned whole or partial school closure - not counted in possible attendances (not collected in school census)