

# If your child is not in school, you are breaking the law\*

Nottingham City Council could fine you up to £2,500 – or even take you to court



[www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schoolattendance](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schoolattendance)

If you have concerns about attendance,  
speak to your child's teacher/tutor

\*does not apply to children who are educated at home



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# Most parents act responsibly to ensure their children are in school every day.

**Thank you.**

However, if your child is regularly off school without permission, Nottingham City Council will take action.

Missing school can harm your child's education.

## Common excuses for not being in school are:

- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Shopping for new shoes
- Feeling tired or having a slight cold

These are NOT good reasons for missing out on education!

## Here's how you can help your child:

- Make sure your child gets to school on time
- Don't book family holidays during term time
- If your child is poorly, contact school on the first day of absence



**To find out more about good attendance, visit [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ schoolattendance](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/schoolattendance)**