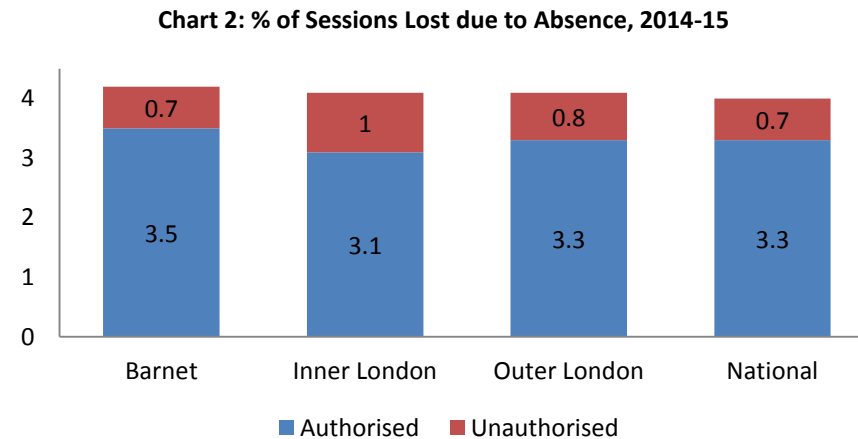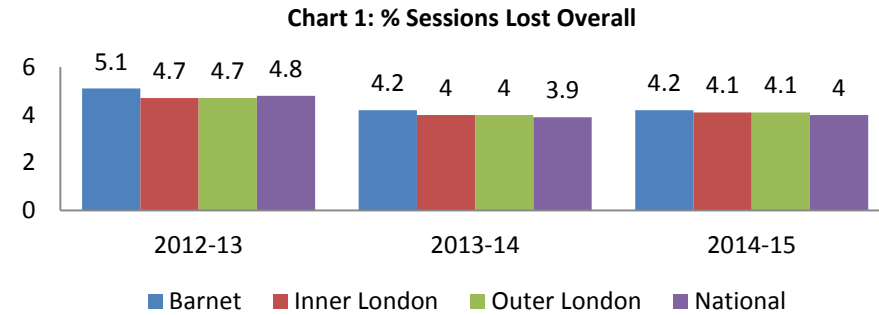# Primary School Absence in Barnet

DfE's statistics on Pupil Absence (collated from the School Census). 2014/15 data: SFR39/2015. 2013/14 data: SFR38/2014. 2012/13 data: SFR39/2013. 2011/12 data: SFR22/2012.

Local Authority Absence

Barnet's overall absence in 2014/15 was 4.2% (Chart 1), placing Barnet 98th out of 152 Local Authorities in the country. This represented an improvement from 2013-14 when Barnet was ranked 120th (Table 1).

Barnet's overall absence rates are above national, inner and outer London, caused by higher authorised absence. Barnet's unauthorised absence is equal to national and below inner and outer London (Chart 2).

Table 1: Absences (time series)	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Overall Absence Percentage			
Barnet	5.1	4.2	4.2
Inner London	4.7	4	4.1
Outer London	4.7	4	4.1
National	4.8	3.9	4
Barnet's national Rank (out of 152)	114	120	98
Authorised Absence Percentage			
Barnet	4.3	3.4	3.5
Inner London	3.7	3	3.1
Outer London	3.8	3.1	3.3
National	4.1	3.2	3.3
Barnet's national Rank (out of 152)	107	128	116
Unauthorised Absence Percentage			
Barnet	0.8	0.8	0.7
Inner London	1	1	1
Outer London	0.9	0.9	0.8
National	0.7	0.7	0.7
Barnet's national Rank (out of 152)	87	86	56

Chart 1: % Sessions Lost Overall

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Barnet	5.1	4.2	4.2
Inner London	4.7	4	4.1
Outer London	4.7	4	4.1
National	4.8	3.9	4

Chart 2: % of Sessions Lost due to Absence, 2014-15

	Barnet	Inner London	Outer London	National
Unauthorised	0.7	1	0.8	0.7
Authorised	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.3

Barnet Absence by Reason for Absence (Table 2)

Similarly to national, the higher proportion of sessions were lost to authorised illnesses. Barnet has a higher proportion of sessions lost to authorised appointment, religious holidays and "other" compared to national. Barnet also has a lower proportion of unauthorised holidays and "other" unauthorised absences; yet has a higher proportion of absences with no reason yet obtained.

Tabl 2: Reason for Absence	Barnet 2012-13	National 2012-13	Barnet 2013-14	National 2013-14	Barnet 2014-15	National 2014-15	2014-15 Graph	
Authorised - Illness	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8		Barnet's 2014-15 absence
Authorised - Appointments	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2		National 2014-15 absence
Authorised - Religious	0.2	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0		
Authorised - Study	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Authorised - Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Authorised - Holiday	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
Authosied - Extended Holiday	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a		
Authorised - Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Authorised - Other	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2		
Authorised - Total Reasons	4.3	4.1	3.4	3.1	3.5	3.3		
Authorised - Unclassified	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a		
Unauthorised - Holiday	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2		
Aunauthorised - Late	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1		
Unauthorised - Other	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4		
Unauthorised - No Reason	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1		
Unauthorised - Total Reasons	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7		
Unauthorised - Unclassified	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a		
Overall Absence - Total Reasons	5.1	4.8	4.2	3.9	4.2	4		

National Rankings in 2014-15

Table 3 shows how Barnet's absences in 2014-15 compared to all other Local Authorities.

Table 3: 2014-15 Academic Year Attendance Data					
Area	overall absence (%)	overall rank	authorised absence (%)	authorised rank	unauthorised absence (%)	unauthorised rank
Barking and Dagenham	4.3	116	3.2	35	1.1	130
Barnet	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.7	56
Barnsley	4.6	148	3.4	96	1.1	130
Bath and North East Somerset	3.9	32	3.5	116	0.4	4
Bedford	4	51	3.3	68	0.7	56
Bexley	3.8	22	3.2	35	0.7	56
Birmingham	4.3	116	3.2	35	1.1	130
Blackburn with Darwen	4.2	98	3.4	96	0.7	56
Blackpool	4.1	79	2.8	4	1.3	150
Bolton	4	51	3.1	18	0.9	101
Bournemouth	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.7	56
Bracknell Forest	3.5	3	2.9	5	0.5	15
Bradford	4.5	143	3.4	96	1.1	130
Brent	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.8	84
Brighton and Hove	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.7	56
Bristol, City of	4.3	116	3.3	68	1.1	130
Bromley	3.9	32	3.2	35	0.8	84
Buckinghamshire	3.8	22	3.3	68	0.5	15
Bury	3.7	11	3.1	18	0.6	33
Calderdale	3.9	32	3.2	35	0.7	56
Cambridgeshire	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.7	56
Camden	4.3	116	3.7	145	0.6	33
Central Bedfordshire	4.2	98	3.6	136	0.6	33
Cheshire East	3.7	11	3.3	68	0.5	15
Cheshire West and Chester	3.9	32	3.3	68	0.6	33
City of London	4.6	148	4.2	151	0.4	4
Cornwall	4.3	116	3.9	149	0.5	15
Coventry	4	51	3.2	35	0.7	56
Croydon	4.3	116	3.2	35	1.1	130
Cumbria	3.9	32	3.4	96	0.5	15
Darlington	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.6	33
Derby	4.1	79	3.1	18	1	119
Derbyshire	3.7	11	3.3	68	0.4	4
Devon	3.9	32	3.5	116	0.4	4
Doncaster	4.1	79	3	11	1.1	130
Dorset	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.7	56
Dudley	4.1	79	3.2	35	0.9	101
Durham	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.7	56
Ealing	4	51	3.3	68	0.7	56
East Riding of Yorkshire	3.7	11	3.1	18	0.5	15
East Sussex	4.6	148	3.9	149	0.7	56
Enfield	4.4	132	3.3	68	1.2	141
Essex	3.8	22	3.2	35	0.6	33
Gateshead	3.7	11	2.9	5	0.8	84
Gloucestershire	4	51	3.5	116	0.5	15
Greenwich	3.9	32	2.7	1	1.2	141
Hackney	4	51	3.1	18	0.9	101
Halton	4	51	3.3	68	0.7	56
Hammersmith and Fulham	4.2	98	3.3	68	1	119
Hampshire	3.7	11	3.2	35	0.6	33
Haringey	4.3	116	3.2	35	1.1	130

Harrow	4.1	79	3.6	136	0.6	33
Hartlepool	4.4	132	3.6	136	0.8	84
Havering	4.3	116	3.6	136	0.7	56
Herefordshire	3.9	32	3.5	116	0.4	4
Hertfordshire	4	51	3.4	96	0.6	33
Hillingdon	4.3	116	3.5	116	0.8	84
Hounslow	4.1	79	3.2	35	0.9	101
Isle of Wight	4	51	3.1	18	0.9	101
Isles of Scilly	0	1		n/a	0	1
Islington	4.2	98	3.2	35	1	119
Kensington and Chelsea	4.1	79	3.2	35	0.9	101
Kent	4.2	98	3.4	96	0.8	84
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	4.4	132	3.3	68	1.1	130
Kingston upon Thames	4	51	3.4	96	0.6	33
Kirklees	4	51	3.3	68	0.8	84
Knowsley	4.6	148	3.4	96	1.2	141
Lambeth	3.9	32	3	11	0.9	101
Lancashire	3.6	6	3.1	18	0.5	15
Leeds	3.8	22	3	11	0.9	101
Leicester	4.4	132	3.1	18	1.2	141
Leicestershire	3.6	6	3.1	18	0.5	15
Lewisham	4	51	2.9	5	1	119
Lincolnshire	4	51	3.4	96	0.6	33
Liverpool	4.5	143	3.6	136	0.9	101
Luton	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.8	84
Manchester	4	51	3	11	1	119
Medway	4.2	98	3.3	68	0.8	84
Merton	4	51	3.4	96	0.7	56
Middlesbrough	4.6	148	3.5	116	1.2	141
Milton Keynes	3.8	22	3.3	68	0.5	15
Newcastle upon Tyne	4.3	116	3.1	18	1.2	141
Newham	4	51	2.7	1	1.3	150
Norfolk	4.1	79	3.4	96	0.7	56
North East Lincolnshire	4.1	79	3.4	96	0.7	56
North Lincolnshire	3.7	11	3.2	35	0.5	15
North Somerset	4	51	3.5	116	0.5	15
North Tyneside	3.9	32	3.3	68	0.7	56
North Yorkshire	3.8	22	3.4	96	0.4	4
Northamptonshire	3.9	32	3.2	35	0.7	56
Northumberland	4	51	3.4	96	0.6	33
Nottingham	4.3	116	3.1	18	1.2	141
Nottinghamshire	3.9	32	3.1	18	0.8	84
Oldham	4.4	132	3.4	96	0.9	101
Oxfordshire	3.9	32	3.3	68	0.6	33
Peterborough	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.8	84
Plymouth	4.1	79	3.5	116	0.6	33
Poole	4	51	3.2	35	0.8	84
Portsmouth	4.2	98	3.3	68	0.9	101
Reading	4.1	79	3.2	35	0.9	101
Redbridge	4.5	143	3.6	136	1	119
Redcar and Cleveland	4.1	79	3.3	68	0.8	84
Richmond upon Thames	3.5	3	3	11	0.5	15
Rochdale	3.9	32	2.9	5	1	119
Rotherham	4.4	132	3.2	35	1.2	141
Rutland	3.1	2	2.7	1	0.3	2
Salford	4.4	132	3.4	96	0.9	101
Sandwell	4.2	98	3.2	35	1	119
Sefton	4.1	79	3.4	96	0.7	56
Sheffield	4.5	143	3.2	35	1.2	141
Shropshire	3.8	22	3.5	116	0.3	2
Slough	4.2	98	3.1	18	1	119
Solihull	3.9	32	3.2	35	0.7	56

Somerset	4	51	3.5	116	0.5	15
South Gloucestershire	3.7	11	3.1	18	0.6	33
South Tyneside	4.2	98	3.8	147	0.4	4
Southampton	4.4	132	3.3	68	1	119
Southend-on-Sea	3.8	22	3.1	18	0.7	56
Southwark	3.9	32	3	11	0.9	101
St Helens	4	51	3.3	68	0.7	56
Staffordshire	3.7	11	3.2	35	0.5	15
Stockport	4	51	3.5	116	0.6	33
Stockton-on-Tees	4	51	3.2	35	0.8	84
Stoke-on-Trent	4.3	116	2.9	5	1.3	150
Suffolk	4.2	98	3.6	136	0.6	33
Sunderland	4.2	98	3.5	116	0.7	56
Surrey	3.8	22	3.2	35	0.6	33
Sutton	4.3	116	3.5	116	0.8	84
Swindon	3.9	32	3.3	68	0.6	33
Tameside	3.7	11	2.9	5	0.8	84
Telford and Wrekin	4	51	3.3	68	0.6	33
Thurrock	4	51	3.2	35	0.9	101
Torbay	4.4	132	3.8	147	0.7	56
Tower Hamlets	4.3	116	3.6	136	0.7	56
Trafford	3.6	6	3.2	35	0.4	4
Wakefield	4.5	143	3.6	136	0.9	101
Walsall	4.4	132	3.4	96	1	119
Waltham Forest	4.2	98	3.2	35	0.9	101
Wandsworth	4.1	79	3.2	35	0.9	101
Warrington	3.9	32	3.2	35	0.7	56
Warwickshire	3.8	22	3.4	96	0.4	4
West Berkshire	3.5	3	3.1	18	0.4	4
West Sussex	4	51	3.5	116	0.5	15
Westminster	4.4	132	3.3	68	1.1	130
Wigan	4	51	3.2	35	0.8	84
Wiltshire	3.9	32	3.5	116	0.4	4
Windsor and Maidenhead	3.7	11	3.2	35	0.5	15
Wirral	4.3	116	3.7	145	0.6	33
Wokingham	3.6	6	3.1	18	0.5	15
Wolverhampton	4.3	116	3.2	35	1.1	130
Worcestershire	4	51	3.4	96	0.6	33
York	3.6	6	3	11	0.6	33

National Rankings Time Series

Table 4 shows how Barnet's overall absence rate compares with all other Local Authorities over time

Local Authority	Overall absence 2012-13 (%)	Rank 2012-13	Overall absence 2013-14 (%)	Rank 2013-14	Overall absence 2014-15 (%)	Rank 2014-15
			Table 4: 2012-13 to 2014-15 Time Series: Overall Absence			
Barking and Dagenham	4.6	33	3.9	67	4.3	116
Barnet	5.1	114	4.2	120	4.2	98
Barnsley	5.3	138	4.1	105	4.6	148
Bath and North East Somerset	4.5	18	3.8	49	3.9	32
Bedford	5.2	130	4	89	4	51
Bexley	4.5	18	3.7	31	3.8	22
Birmingham	5.3	138	4.2	120	4.3	116
Blackburn with Darwen	5	97	3.9	67	4.2	98
Blackpool	5.1	114	4.2	120	4.1	79
Bolton	4.6	33	3.9	67	4	51
Bournemouth	4.7	49	3.7	31	4.2	98
Bracknell Forest	4.4	13	3.4	4	3.5	3
Bradford	5.1	114	4.2	120	4.5	143
Brent	4.6	33	3.9	67	4.1	79
Brighton and Hove	5.1	114	4	89	4.2	98
Bristol, City of	5.1	114	4.4	145	4.3	116
Bromley	4.5	18	3.8	49	3.9	32
Buckinghamshire	4.5	18	3.8	49	3.8	22
Bury	4.3	7	3.5	11	3.7	11
Calderdale	4.5	18	3.5	11	3.9	32
Cambridgeshire	5	97	4.1	105	4.1	79
Camden	5	97	4.2	120	4.3	116
Central Bedfordshire	4.8	67	4	89	4.2	98
Cheshire East	4.3	7	3.3	3	3.7	11
Cheshire West and Chester	4.8	67	3.7	31	3.9	32
City of London	3.5	1	3.2	2	4.6	148
Cornwall	5.1	114	4.1	105	4.3	116
Coventry	4.9	83	3.9	67	4	51
Croydon	4.6	33	3.9	67	4.3	116
Cumbria	4.7	49	3.8	49	3.9	32
Darlington	4.7	49	3.9	67	4.2	98
Derby	5.2	130	4.7	152	4.1	79
Derbyshire	4.7	49	3.5	11	3.7	11
Devon	4.9	83	3.7	31	3.9	32
Doncaster	5.1	114	4	89	4.1	79
Dorset	5.2	130	3.9	67	4.1	79
Dudley	4.9	83	4	89	4.1	79
Durham	5.1	114	3.9	67	4.2	98
Ealing	4.5	18	3.8	49	4	51
East Riding of Yorkshire	4.5	18	3.4	4	3.7	11
East Sussex	5.3	138	4.2	120	4.6	148
Enfield	4.8	67	4.5	151	4.4	132
Essex	4.8	67	3.8	49	3.8	22
Gateshead	4.9	83	3.6	17	3.7	11
Gloucestershire	4.5	18	3.8	49	4	51
Greenwich	4.3	7	3.6	17	3.9	32
Hackney	4.5	18	4	89	4	51
Halton	4.9	83	3.8	49	4	51
Hammersmith and Fulham	4.8	67	4.2	120	4.2	98
Hampshire	4.6	33	3.6	17	3.7	11
Haringey	4.9	83	4.3	137	4.3	116
Harrow	4.8	67	4	89	4.1	79
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Herefordshire	5	97	4	89	3.9	32
Hertfordshire	4.7	49	3.9	67	4	51
Hillingdon	4.5	18	4	89	4.3	116
Hounslow	4.9	83	4	89	4.1	79
Isle of Wight	5.3	138	3.7	31	4	51
Isles of Scilly	6	152	0	1	0	1
Islington	5.1	114	4.1	105	4.2	98
Kensington and Chelsea	5.2	130	4.1	105	4.1	79
Kent	4.8	67	3.9	67	4.2	98
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	5	97	4.1	105	4.4	132
Kingston upon Thames	4.2	2	3.7	31	4	51
Kirklees	4.8	67	3.9	67	4	51
Knowsley	5.1	114	4.3	137	4.6	148
Lambeth	4.5	18	3.8	49	3.9	32
Lancashire	4.4	13	3.4	4	3.6	6
Leeds	4.7	49	3.7	31	3.8	22
Leicester	5	97	4.3	137	4.4	132
Leicestershire	4.4	13	3.6	17	3.6	6
Lewisham	4.3	7	3.7	31	4	51
Lincolnshire	5	97	3.9	67	4	51
Liverpool	5.5	149	4.4	145	4.5	143
Luton	4.8	67	4.2	120	4.1	79
Manchester	4.7	49	3.9	67	4	51
Medway	4.9	83	4	89	4.2	98
Merton	4.7	49	3.9	67	4	51
Middlesbrough	5.3	138	4.4	145	4.6	148
Milton Keynes	4.6	33	3.8	49	3.8	22
Newcastle upon Tyne	5.3	138	4.2	120	4.3	116
Newham	4.7	49	3.7	31	4	51
Norfolk	5.1	114	4.1	105	4.1	79
North East Lincolnshire	4.8	67	3.8	49	4.1	79
North Lincolnshire	4.2	2	3.6	17	3.7	11
North Somerset	4.9	83	4	89	4	51
North Tyneside	4.6	33	3.7	31	3.9	32
North Yorkshire	4.7	49	3.5	11	3.8	22
Northamptonshire	4.8	67	3.7	31	3.9	32
Northumberland	4.9	83	3.8	49	4	51
Nottingham	5.5	149	4.4	145	4.3	116
Nottinghamshire	4.9	83	3.7	31	3.9	32
Oldham	4.9	83	3.8	49	4.4	132
Oxfordshire	4.8	67	3.8	49	3.9	32
Peterborough	5	97	4.1	105	4.1	79
Plymouth	5.1	114	3.9	67	4.1	79
Poole	5	97	3.9	67	4	51
Portsmouth	5	97	4.1	105	4.2	98
Reading	5	97	4	89	4.1	79
Redbridge	4.9	83	4.3	137	4.5	143
Redcar and Cleveland	4.9	83	3.9	67	4.1	79
Richmond upon Thames	4.2	2	3.5	11	3.5	3
Rochdale	4.7	49	3.6	17	3.9	32
Rotherham	5.3	138	4.2	120	4.4	132
Rutland	4.2	2	3.6	17	3.1	2
Salford	5.1	114	4.1	105	4.4	132
Sandwell	5.2	130	4.1	105	4.2	98
Sefton	5.1	114	4	89	4.1	79
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Shropshire	4.6	33	3.6	17	3.8	22
Slough	4.8	67	4.1	105	4.2	98
Solihull	4.5	18	3.6	17	3.9	32
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Southend-on-Sea	5	97	3.9	67	3.8	22
Southwark	4.6	33	3.7	31	3.9	32
St. Helens	4.6	33	3.6	17	4	51
Staffordshire	4.6	33	3.7	31	3.7	11
Stockport	4.4	13	3.7	31	4	51
Stockton-on-Tees	4.6	33	3.9	67	4	51
Stoke-on-Trent	5.4	147	4.3	137	4.3	116
Suffolk	5.2	130	4.2	120	4.2	98
Sunderland	5.2	130	4	89	4.2	98
Surrey	4.5	18	3.7	31	3.8	22
Sutton	4.7	49	3.8	49	4.3	116
Swindon	4.6	33	3.6	17	3.9	32
Tameside	4.5	18	3.4	4	3.7	11
Telford and Wrekin	4.6	33	3.8	49	4	51
Thurrock	4.8	67	4.2	120	4	51
Torbay	5	97	4.1	105	4.4	132
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Trafford	4.2	2	3.4	4	3.6	6
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Walsall	5.2	130	4.2	120	4.4	132
Waltham Forest	4.8	67	4.1	105	4.2	98
Wandsworth	4.7	49	3.9	67	4.1	79
Warrington	4.6	33	3.6	17	3.9	32
Warwickshire	4.7	49	3.6	17	3.8	22
West Berkshire	4.4	13	3.5	11	3.5	3
West Sussex	4.7	49	3.7	31	4	51
Westminster	4.8	67	4.2	120	4.4	132
Wigan	4.6	33	3.8	49	4	51
Wiltshire	4.7	49	3.8	49	3.9	32
Windsor and Maidenhead	4.7	49	3.7	31	3.7	11
Wirral	5.4	147	4.2	120	4.3	116
Wokingham	4.3	7	3.4	4	3.6	6
Wolverhampton	5.5	149	4.4	145	4.3	116
Worcestershire	4.7	49	3.9	67	4	51
York	4.5	18	3.4	4	3.6	6

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