

The Attendance Challenge Code

IT'S "ON U"

Every school day in your life you will receive a code in the school register stating whether you were present, and if not, why not.

There are three codes in the school register that represent an 'unauthorised absence'. These are O N and U. If these codes are recorded against your name during the course of The Attendance Challenge you will be disqualified from meeting the challenge.

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Registration Code: O

This is the code you will receive if the reason for absence has not been agreed by your school.

Some examples include:

- Shopping
- Having hair cut
- "Couldn't get up"
- Closure of a sibling's school for INSET (or other) purposes

Missing out on your education for any of these reasons is not a smart move and regular absence will directly contribute to your chances of success in later life.

Registration Code: N

This is the code you will receive if you have not yet provided a reason for your absence...why not?

If there's a problem.
Let someone know.

Learn this skill fast – you'll need it for life.

Registration Code: U

This is the pointless code to receive.

It means, you got to school eventually – but your effort was in vain as you got marked absent anyway because the register was closed

Examples include:

- couldn't find shoes
- couldn't find school uniform
- uniform drying in the tumble dryer

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to meet the challenge and ensure you do not record an unauthorised absence mark.

If an authorised absence is recorded you will not have achieved excellence in 100% attendance and you will not be eligible for a reward in the 100% attendance category. For the purposes of the Challenge the only authorised absence recognised in the 100% attendance category are long-term disability and religious observance.

However, dependent on your reason for the authorised absence, your school may decide to award you in the 100% Effort category. There are some cases where absence is authorised by the school including illness and unavoidable problems. If a pupil is unfortunate enough to record these marks during the course of the Challenge you can still be considered for a badge or reward in the 100% Effort category.

The School Register Code Meanings taken from ABSENCE & ATTENDANCE CODES DfES Aug 2006

