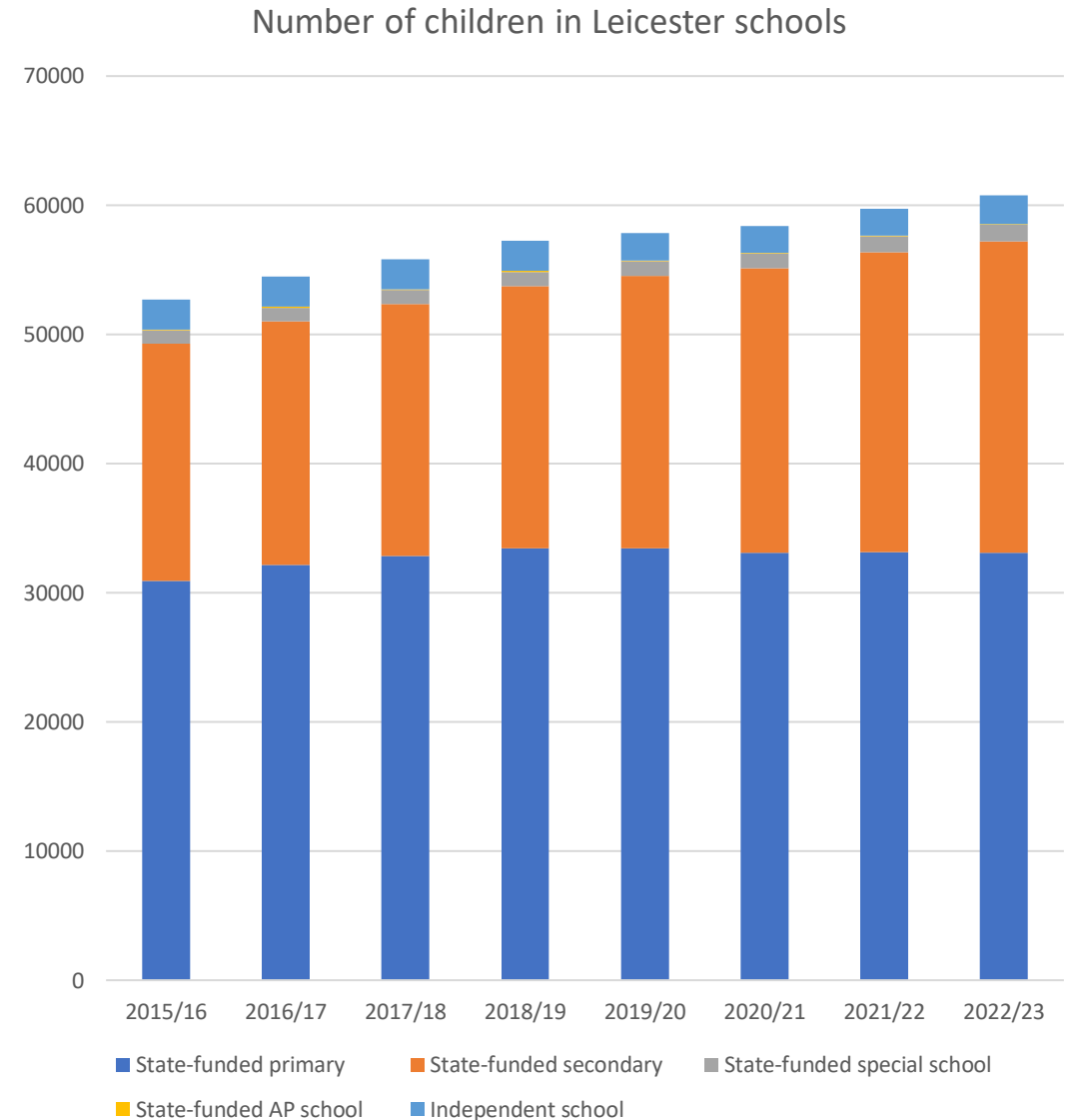


Children in Schools

Presentation providing an overview of the numbers of children, their attendance, penalty notices issued, children electively home educated and exclusions and suspensions

Numbers on roll

- In 2005 there were 44,809 children in Leicester City schools (no data for independent schools)
- In January 2023 there were 60,751 children of whom 2,202 are in independent schools. The number of children in primary schools has fallen slightly since 2018/19 but remains above 2017/18 figures
- The total number of pupils in state-maintained schools in Leicester at May 2023 census was 59,903
- The number of children in Leicester schools increases at each census point through the school year



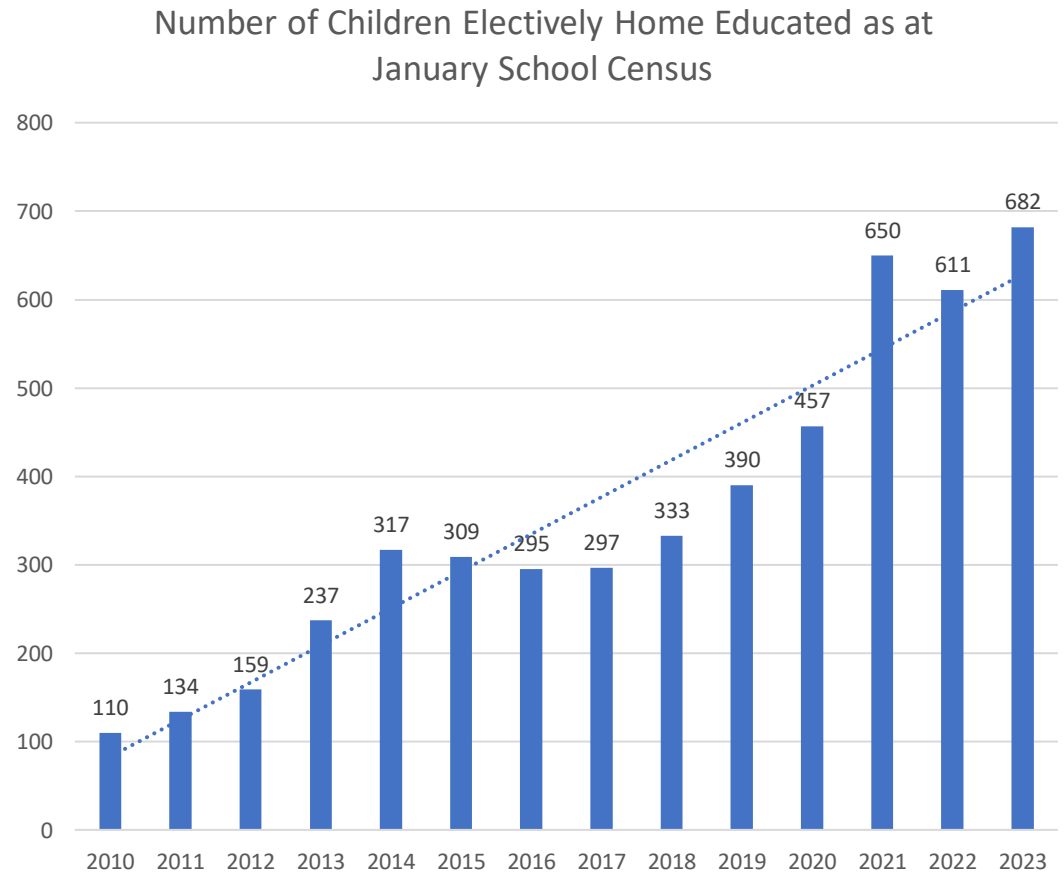
Numbers of Schools

School type	Funding	2010	2015	2019	2023
Infant	LA Maintained	11	9	5	4
	Academy/ Free School			4	5
Junior	LA Maintained	10	8	5	5
	Academy/ Free School		1	4	4
Primary	LA maintained	60	57	42	36
	Academy/ Free School		7	22	28
Secondary	LA Maintained	17	17	9	7
	Academy/ Free School			8	12
All through	Academy/ Free School	1	1	1	2
Special inc CHS	LA Maintained	8	7	7	5
	Academy/ Free School		1	1	3
Alternative Provision(PRU)	LA Maintained	2	2	2	2
Total	LA Maintained	108	100	70	59
	Academy/Free school	1	10	40	54
Total number of schools	All State Maintained	109	110	110	113
	All Primary	81	82	82	82
	All Secondary	17	17	17	19
	All All-through	1	1	1	2
	All Special	8	8	8	8
Independent schools					13

- The number of schools has risen since 2010.
- There was a significant increase in the number of academies between 2015 and 2019. This increase slowed during the pandemic. There have been 3 academy conversions in the last year and 1 sponsored academy

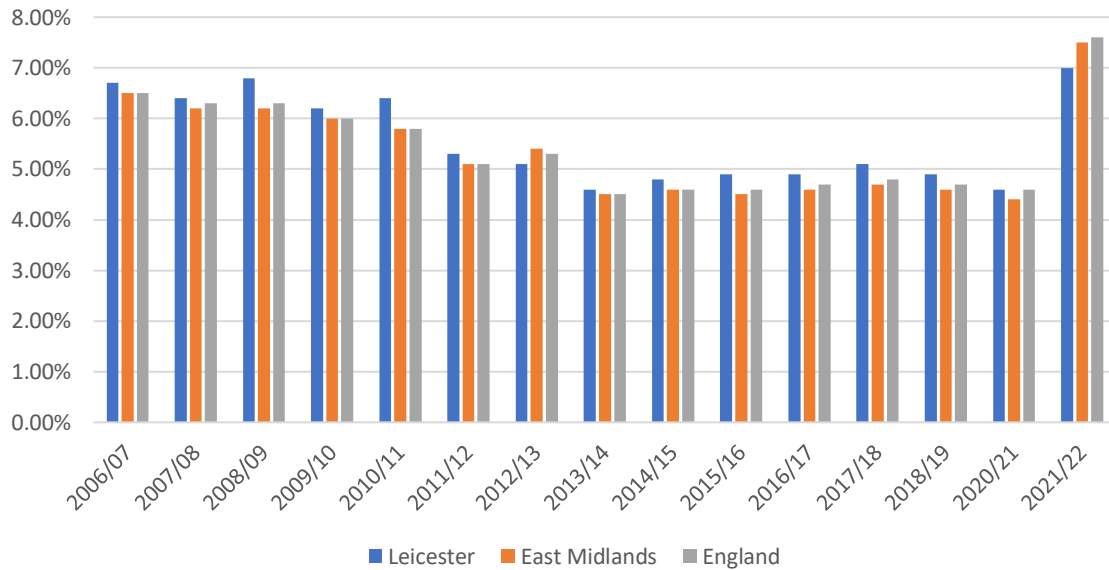
Children electively home educated (EHE)

- Between 2010 and 2023 there has been a 520% increase in the number of children who are electively home educated.
- There is increased levels of awareness of EHE as an option and while the number of EHE children has increased, the level of turbulence has also increased. There are more children having periods of EHE and moving out of and/or into schools.
- 992 children were home educated at some point or other during the 2022/23 academic year,
 - 2021/22 = 917
 - 2020/21 = 949Each of these must be contacted by the Education Welfare Service
- The changing status of children who become Electively Home Educated and return to school has created significant additional demand on the Education Welfare Service.



Absence rate – school sessions missed out of possible sessions

Overall Absence rate



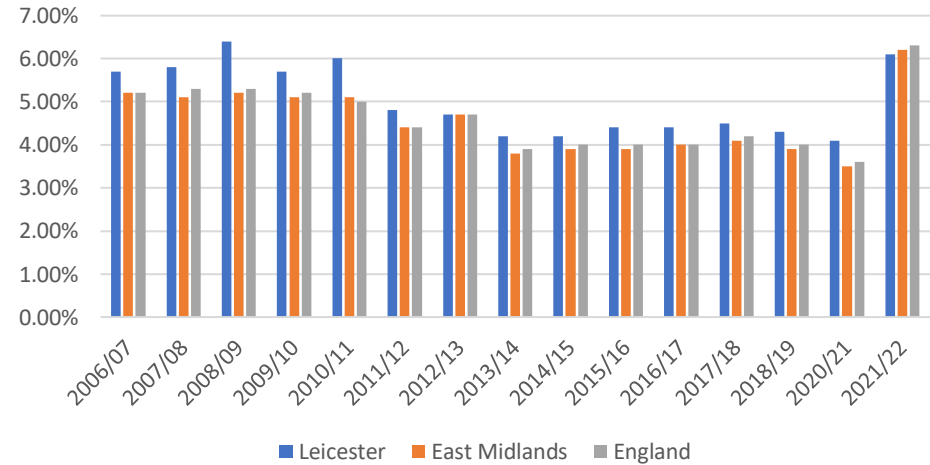
There was a significant increase in absence in 2021/22 following the pandemic

Overall absence in Leicester has, until 2021/22 been slightly higher than in the East Midlands and nationally. At 7% of all school sessions missed it is currently lower than national and East Midlands

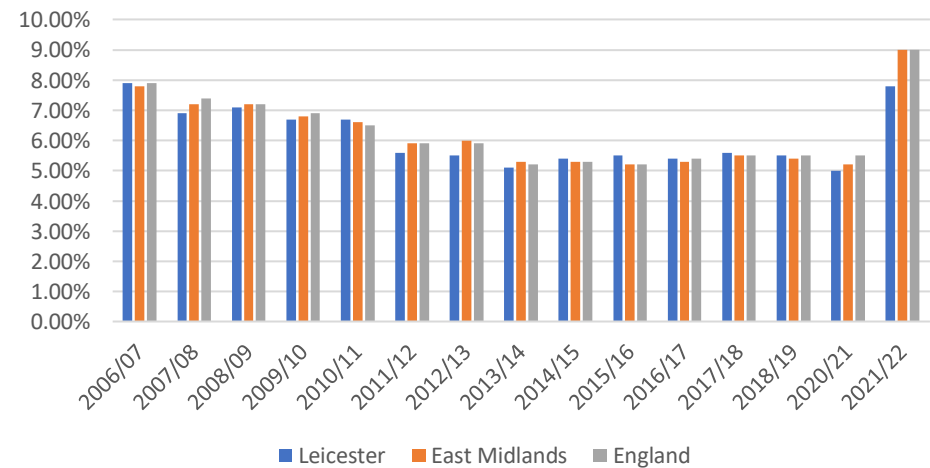
In primary schools absence was higher than national and East Midlands in most years

Secondary school absence was in line or less than national and East Midlands

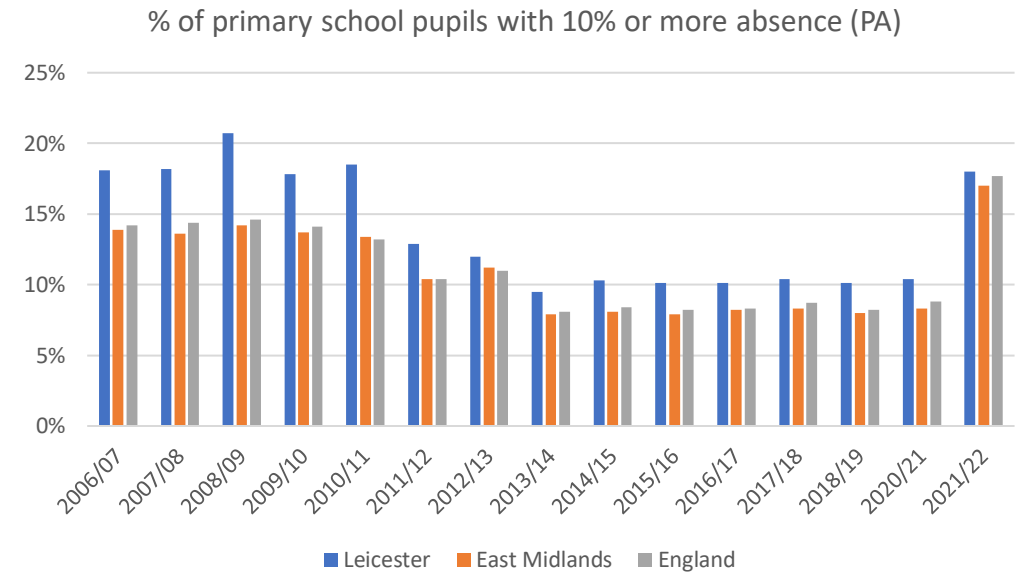
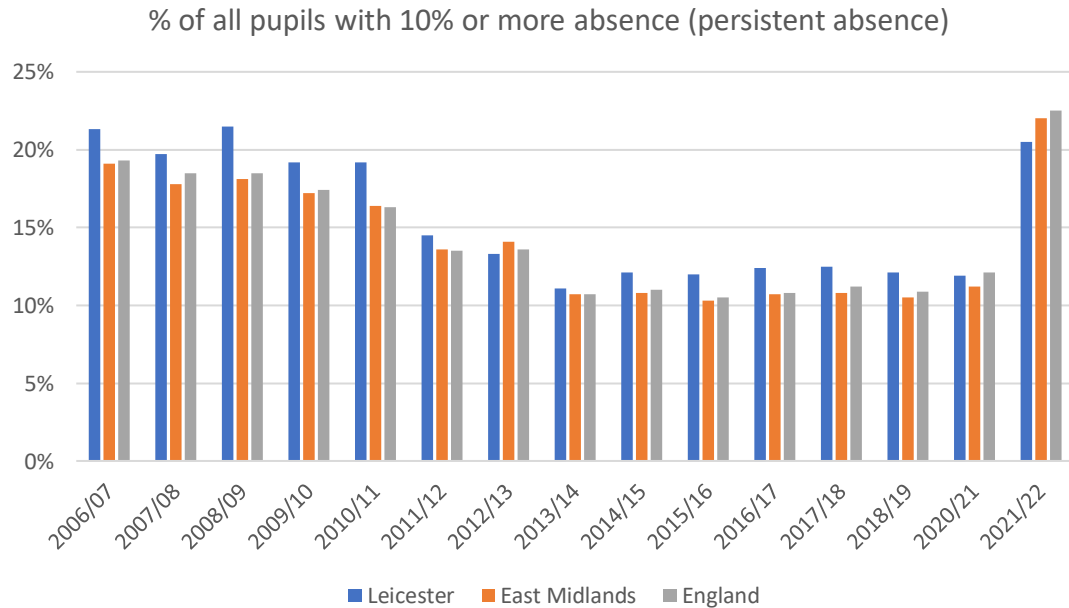
Primary School overall absence rate



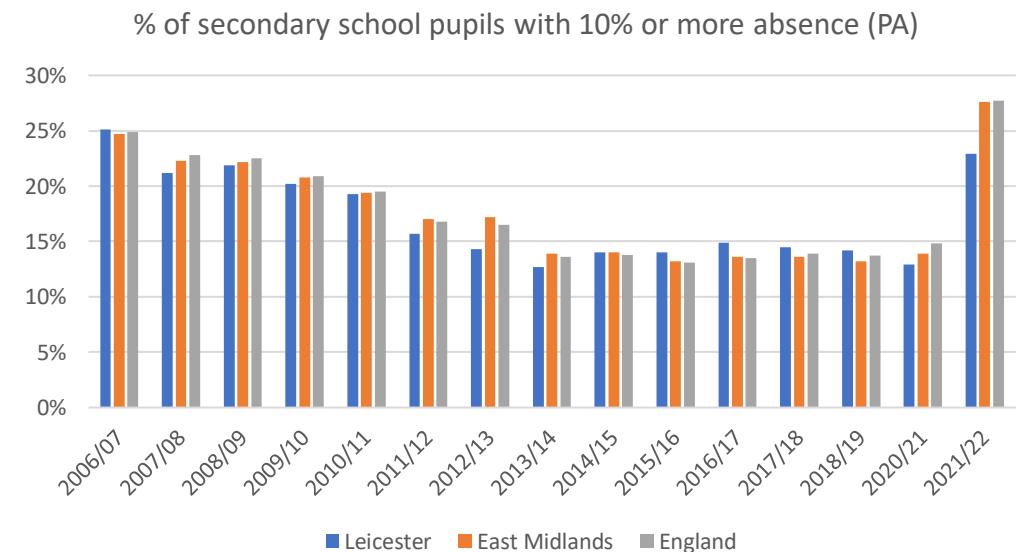
Secondary school overall absence rate



Persistent Absence – proportion of children who have missed at least 10% of their possible sessions

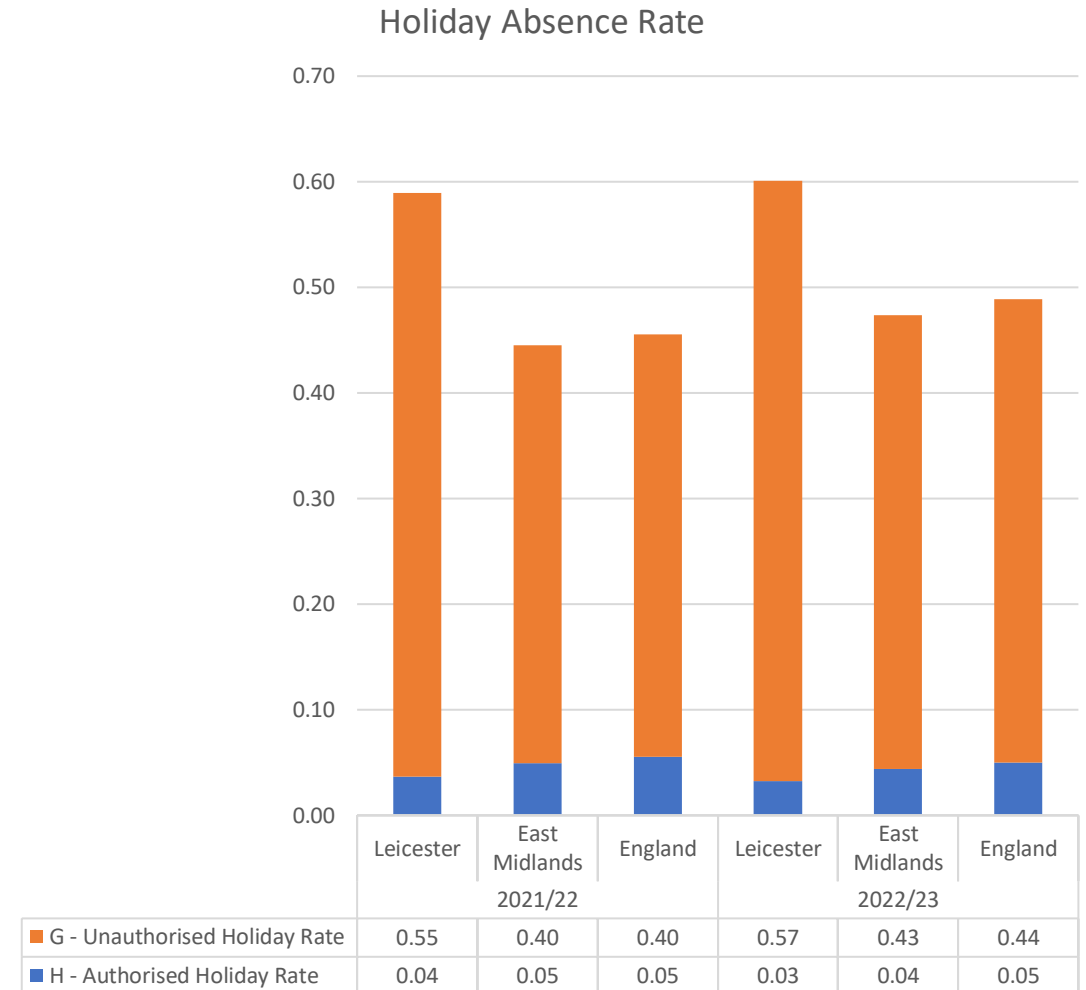


10% persistent absence is the equivalent of having a morning or afternoon off every week throughout the school year. In Leicester there were 10,974 children persistently absent in 2021/22. Of these just over 400 were in special schools, just over 5000 from both primary and secondary. Leicester’s persistent absence rate has been higher than East Midlands or national for all pupils and particularly for primary across the years. Secondary school persistent absence rate is higher than primary but lower than the secondary school rate for East Midlands and national.



Absence due to holidays

- Schools are open for 190 days (380 sessions) except if they need to close due to exceptional circumstances
- Children are expected to attend all sessions that the school is open when they are well enough to do so. This is the confirmed legal position.
- In exceptional circumstances the school may authorise holiday in term time. The school will code each session missed as H
- If a parent takes the child on holiday without permission the school will unauthorise the holiday absence. Each such session will be coded as G



Holiday Penalty Notices

- The local authority issues these at the request of schools when the absence relates to an unauthorised holiday or trip away
- Penalty notices are issued to parents of children who have had 4 or more days of unauthorised absence or less than four where there is a concern or repeated pattern
- Leicester has a higher rate of penalty notices than other Local Authorities
- This has positively impacted on overall attendance



Unauthorised Absence and Holiday Penalty Notices

- Only 2 schools have not asked the LA to issue any holiday penalty notices in the last 2 years
- 11 schools did not request any holiday penalty notices during 2021/22
- In 2021/22 4,447 penalty notice requests were received and 2,842 penalty notices issued
- 31 schools did not authorise any holiday absence in either of the last 2 years
- Of the 10 schools that had the highest unauthorised holiday absence in 2021/22 only 1 did not request any penalty notices. The other 9 schools had an average penalty notice rate of over 10%
- In addition to unauthorised holiday children's unauthorised absence may be due to lateness, or other reasons

Unauthorised holiday absence – children affected

Detailed analysis of the last year's attendance information shows:

Primary

- There were 114 children who had more than 20% of their possible sessions coded as unauthorised holiday absence.
- 32 of these children missed more than 2 weeks of school due to holiday
- 48 of these remain on roll at the same school and a further 8 are on roll elsewhere in the city or the county.
- 11 of the children are missing education. The other 41 are no longer in the city and have been removed from roll

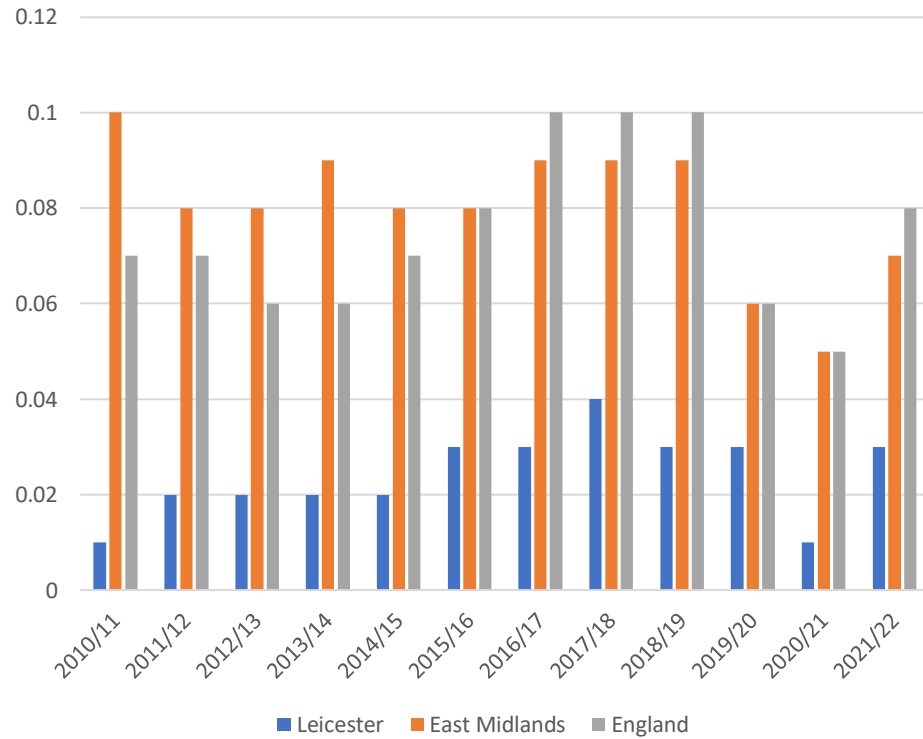
Secondary

- There were 43 children who had more than 20% coded as unauthorised holiday
- 30 of these children missed more than 2 weeks of school due to holiday
- 24 remain on school rolls with 8 having been considered as Children Missing Education by the end of the school year. 11 are no longer in the city and have been removed from roll

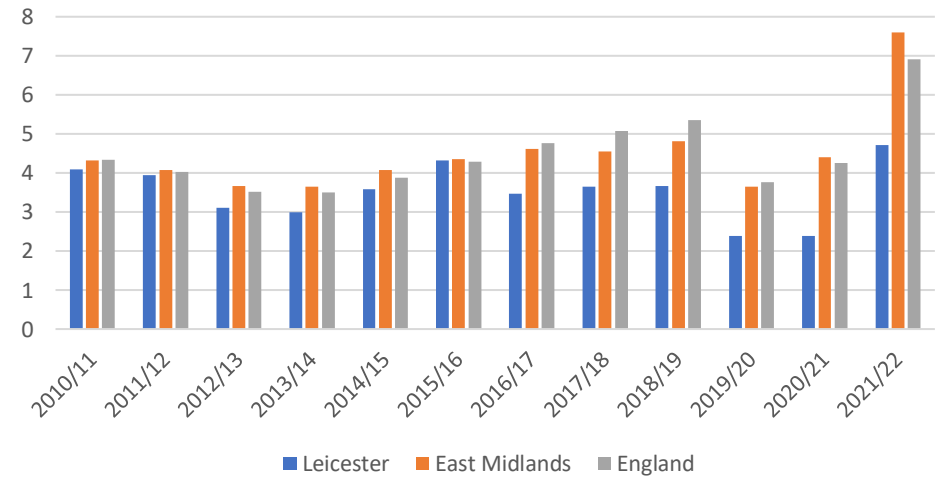
The safeguarding responsibilities of schools for all children on roll become very challenging when these children remain away for a significant period of time.

Exclusions and Suspensions

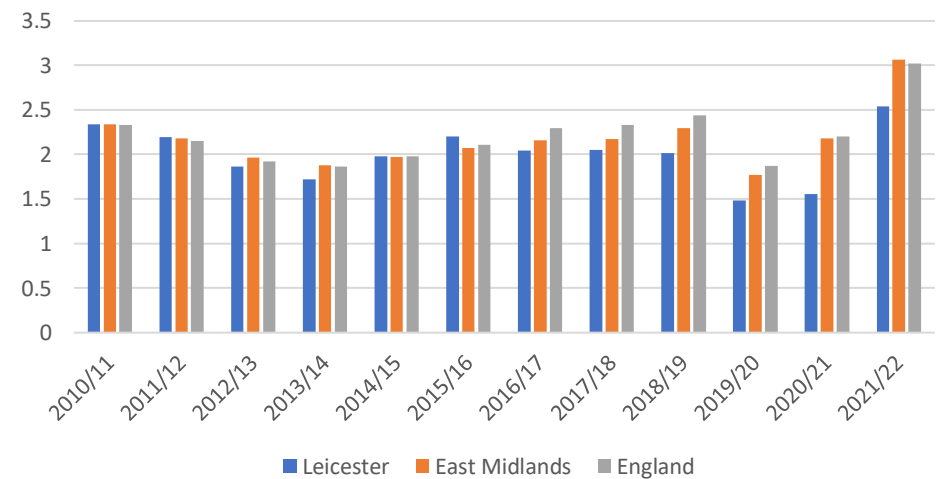
Permanent Exclusion Rate (all pupils)



Suspension rate (all pupils)



Percentage of enrolments with 1 or more suspensions



Exclusions and Suspensions in 2022/23

School type	Number on Roll ¹	Permanent	Permanent Pending	Suspension	All measures
Primary Academy inc Free	15024			149	149
Secondary Academy ²	13286	13	2	1332	1347
Special Academy	411	2		8	10
Secondary Free School	2245	1		291	292
Maintained Primary School	20736			147	147
Maintained Secondary School	7304	4	1	854	859
Maintained Special School	841			10	10
Pupil Referral Unit*	56		1	5	6
Grand Total	59903	20	4	2796	2820

Number of permanent exclusions and suspensions by school type during the last academic year

*where the PRU is the main or the sole base

¹ As at Summer 2023 census

² includes Soar Valley and City of Leicester

Exclusions and Suspensions 2022/23 - groups

- 1376 children had a total of 2820 suspensions and exclusions
- Some students had multiple suspensions and then a permanent exclusion
- 13 Children Looked After with 32 suspensions (no exclusions)
- 241 Suspensions and Exclusions for children with EHCP including 6 permanent exclusions
 - These were for 115 children
- 951 Suspensions and Exclusions for children with SEN Support at the time. 3 permanent and 2 permanent pending
 - These were for 413 children with SEN support

Ethnicity	Numbers on Roll	Permanent	Permanent Pending	Suspension	All Events	Number of students	% of enrolments
African Asian	303			7	7	1	0.3%
Bangladeshi	1579			23	23	20	1.3%
Indian	20187	1		168	169	135	0.7%
Pakistani	2591			75	75	49	1.9%
Other Asian	3423	2		67	69	47	1.4%
Black Caribbean	446	1		27	28	22	4.9%
Black Somali	1543		1	65	66	47	3.0%
Other Black African	3208		1	133	134	88	2.7%
Any Other Black Background	926			26	26	19	2.1%
White & Asian	1225	1		56	57	32	2.6%
White & Black African	817			48	48	32	3.9%
White & Black Caribbean	1233	3		173	176	69	5.6%
Any Other Mixed Background	1381			98	98	48	3.5%
Gypsy/Roma	248			40	40	19	7.7%
Irish	58			10	10	2	3.4%
Traveller of Irish Heritage	42			23	23	5	11.9%
White British	13253	8	1	1367	1376	564	4.3%
White European	2963	3		133	136	71	2.4%
White Other	1750	1		67	68	34	1.9%
Chinese	154			3	3	1	0.6%
Any Other Ethnic Group	1615			94	94	46	2.8%
Information Not Obtained	581		1	85	86	20	3.4%
Information Refused	304			8	8	5	1.6%
No information recorded	73				0		0.0%
Total	59903	20	4	2796	2820	1376	2.3%