School Non-Attendance Checklist (SNACK) - COVID-19 (UK adaptation 2021)

Reason	Examples	Tick
My child		
1. had an appointment	a doctor's appointmentan appointment with a specialist	
2. was sick	had a cold or flu; had asthmawas in hospital	
3. was reluctant or refused	 he/she said it was hard to go to school or stay there the whole day he/she seemed upset/anxious/scared about school 	
skipped/wagged/truanted	 he/she headed to school but did not arrive there he/she left the school without permission 	
I or my partner		
5. gave my child a day off	to give him/her a rest	
kept my child home for other reasons	 so he/she could help out at home because school is not helping him / her 	
7. arranged extra holidays	to take a family holiday during school time	
Our family		
8. had an urgent situation	a funeralsomeone in the family was taken to hospital	
9. had other difficulties	 the car broke down someone in the family had a medical appointment 	
10. had a religious holiday or cultural observance	End of RamadanJewish holidaysBuddha Day/Vesak	

The school		
11. was closed	 public holiday/bank holiday; term holidays curriculum day / teacher training day/ teacher strike school problem (e.g., flood, failed heating) 	
12. sent my child home due to his/ her behaviour	 he/she was suspended or expelled from school he/she was asked to leave school for the remainder of the day 	
13. asked that my child stay away from school	 because the school could not take care of my child's needs because the school could not keep my child safe at school 	
Other		
14. weather conditions	snow, floodsfire	
15. COVID-19	 my child was shielding, someone in our family was shielding my child was isolating 	
16. COVID-19 - school	 the school was shut due to COVID-19 the whole class/year was isolating the school asked that we keep our child at home because of school difficulties with class bubble size, transportation, or staff numbers 	
17. Something else. Please describe in the space provided		

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