



St. Dunstan's R.C. J&I Primary School

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RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

Name of Child:

Class:

Date of Absence:

Religious Event Requiring Religious Observance:

Religious ceremonies may, or may not, form part of a religious festival. Some important religious festivals may not include ceremonies but may nonetheless require observance; others may not require observance or will be celebrated on the nearest weekend to the due date.

There may be differences in the importance attached to particular ceremonies or festivals between different branches of the same religion. The Local Authority's information is that the following will require observance unavoidably:

- Yom Kippur (Jews)
- Jewish New Year (Orthodox Jews)
- Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha (Muslims)
- Divali (Hindus)
- either the Birthday of Guru Nanak or Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (according to the particular branch of Sikhism)
- Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I (Rastafarians).

The Governors of St Dunstan's Catholic School recognises the importance of religious observance; we would respectively remind parents that pupils are only entitled to one authorised day of absence for religious observance, in each academic year. Any additional days absence will be recorded in the official register as an unauthorised absence.

Name:

Parent/Guardian

Date: