

Dear Rabbi Moshe,

I received your teaching today titled "A Prophetic Call to all Biblical (lunar based) Shabbat Keepers with School Age Children".

Todah Raba for this it is challenging none the less and I felt that I needed to send you this testimony as I have four children that attend a public/state school here in Brisbane.

As a Scriptural Shabbat (Solar-Lunar Calender) keeper the Shabbat falls on pagan Roman week days many a time on a work or school day.

I wanted to let you know what I do is as I have with my job, I call the school and let them know a month in advance that for the next 4 Roman Wednesdays etc. my children will not be at School as this is our Shabbat as per the phases of the moon.

They accept this as at present as long as I inform the School of where they are and what they are doing this is fine and is not regarded as truancy and we are not breaking and state laws.

Definitions of **truancy** on the Web:

- failure to attend (especially school)
- Truancy is **any intentional unauthorized absence from compulsory schooling. The term typically describes absences caused by students of their own free will, and usually does not refer to legitimate "excused" absences, such as ones related to medical conditions. ...**

It is noted that truancy is only when a student does not attend school by their own free will, as long as their parents advise the School that they are absent and the reason no state laws are broken.

Here is an article below from our children's School here in Brisbane:

ABSENTEEISM

It is expected that students attend school daily **with absences only occurring as a result of illness and family reasons.** If students consistently arrive late or are regularly absent, the school will contact parents to discuss the reasons for this. Should the pattern continue, further action will be taken. **Parents please ensure students bring a note or please make verbal contact with the school when a student is absent for any reason.** The absentee line is 0000 0000. Make sure you leave the child's first and last name and the reason and the date/s of absence.

In closing I really want to encourage those parents who have children that go to Public/State Schools to inform the respective schools regarding the Shabbats and advise that their children will not be attending on these days that the Shabbat may fall.

We need to take the liberty in Moshiach that we have been given at this present time.

If all else fails then I would encourage home-schooling.

Shalom,

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