

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the article ‘The Effect of Pupil Absenteeism on Literacy and Numeracy in the Primary School’ by H.C.M. (Tim) Carroll, *Journal of School Psychology International*, DOI: 10.1177/0143034310361674, published in issue, April 2010, 31(2) 115–130.

The error resulted from the author: (i) confusing the length of a school week and a calendar week; and (ii) taking the length of the thirteen-week school term to be equivalent to one-quarter of a year. The actual error occurs on p.123, 15th line of the paragraph, where it is stated: “the duration of one school term was 0.25 of a year.” In fact, if one takes one school year to be 190 days (*The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No. 3181). London: The Stationery Office*), the duration of one school term should have been taken to be either 63 or 64 and not 91 (0.25 x 364) days. On pages 115, 123, 126 and 127 the error is compounded because the two-term difference in attendance between the two attendance groups between the ages of 7 and 11 years is incorrectly given as half a year (182 days): the figure should have been 127 days. Because of the error the effect of the absence on the attainments is considerably under-estimated. This is revealed in the following examples in which the errors and corrections are given in italic and dense type respectively.

- (i) An absence of *half a calendar year, i.e., 182 days* (**127 days**) leading to a reduction in reading and mathematics scores of approximately 0.7 of a year and 1 year respectively is equivalent to one day’s absence leading to a reduction in reading and mathematics scores of *1.4 days* (**2.0 days**) and *2.0 days* (**2.9 days**) respectively.
- (ii) A reduction in reading and mathematics scores of approximately 0.7 and 1 year respectively resulting from missing *half a calendar year, i.e. 182 days* (**127 days**) of schooling is equivalent to a one month reduction in reading and mathematics scores resulting from an absence from school of *21.7 days* (**15.1 days**) and *15.2 days* (**10.6 days**) respectively.

The author offers SPI readers his most sincere apologies for the error.