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Holidays During Term Time

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Every school day counts towards your child's future. Days off school add up to lost learning.

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- spend time together
- go on family visits
- go on holiday
- go on days out
- attend routine appointments

The law says that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time and can only request leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances. If you take your child on holiday during term-time without the schools authorisation this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and may result in action being taken against parents or carers.

Why shouldn't I take my child on holiday during term time?

Many parents and carers think it is okay to go on holiday during term time, this has a negative effect on their children's learning and ability to achieve. If your child goes on holiday during term time, they are absent:

- 10 days absence = 95% attendance
- 19 days absence = 90% attendance
- 29 days absence = 85% attendance
- 38 days absence = 80% attendance
- 47 days absence = 75% attendance

Children with over 90 per cent attendance are more likely to gain five or more A-C GCSE's or equivalent qualifications.

How do I request leave of absence?

All requests should be made on an Request for Leave of Absence which is available from your child's school. You should also submit any evidence to support your request (see below). This should be submitted no later than 21 days before the start of the absence.

Will the school authorise taking my child away during term-time?

The legislation for authorising absence in term time states that holidays will not be authorised and leave of absence granted for exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will consider and respond to your request.

What happens if the head teacher does not agree my request?

- your child's absence will be marked as not authorised absence and you will be informed of this
- if you continue to take your child out of school, the Headteacher may request the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice
- the Penalty is £60 per parent per pupil and if not paid within 21 days this will increase to £120, failure to pay the full amount within 28 days will result in a summons to appear in the Magistrates Court on the grounds that you have failed to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

Contact:

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