

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME
NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers

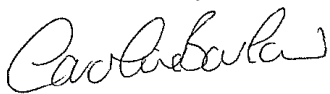
The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will still miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Children returning from a term time holiday are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Teachers then have to give more time to help individual children catch up on missed work. This poses a potential risk of the under-achievement of other students in the class. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a holiday in term time only in "exceptional circumstances". If you consider that your request for a holiday is exceptional you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notification. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school for the holiday, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

In the case of an unauthorised holiday, the Behaviour & Attendance Service will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Please note that such a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. Thereafter, if the Penalty remains unpaid this may result in legal action.

All holiday requests must be completed on the attached form, letters will not be accepted. This should be returned to the school at least 14 days before the start of the holiday

Yours sincerely



MS C BARLOW
Head Teacher

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

If, after reading the letter on the reverse, you consider you have exceptional circumstances to request a leave of absence during term time, please complete this form and return to the school at least 14 days before the date you wish to remove your child from school.

Pupil Name Tutor Group/Class

Home Address

First day of absence Date of return to school

Total number of days missed

Exceptional circumstances are as follows:

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I understand that if the request is unauthorised the Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service will be notified of the absence taken and a Penalty Notice will be issued. I understand that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school and that this is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. I understand that if I do not pay this will result in legal action.

Name of Parent/Carer making application

Signed Dated

(Please ensure you are giving at least 14 day’s notice of the proposed absence)

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Pupil Name Tutor Group

AUTHORISED: Your request has been authorised for the following dates:

___ / ___ / ___ to ___ / ___ / ___

UNAUTHORISED: Your request for a leave of absence during term time has not been authorised because:

(NB - if you proceed to take the holiday this will result in a Penalty Notice being issued)

Signed Assistant Head Teacher Date ___ / ___ / ___