



The Dales


A Specialist Community School

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Exceptional Circumstances for Holidays In Term Time

Leave of absence in exceptional circumstance:

The Head Teacher may only grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Examples of any exceptional circumstances where leave may be granted during term time are as follows:

- If the reasons relate to the child's special educational needs and/or disabilities (please provide details of the beneficial impact for the child and family).

Other exceptional circumstances:

- If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad.
- Where an absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue.
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative.
- Out of school programmes such as music, arts or sport operating at a high standard of achievement.
- Religious observance.
- To attend a wedding or funeral of a close relative.

Where there are exceptional and unforeseen circumstances that fall outside of the above, the Head Teacher agrees to consult with the governing body prior to any authorisation being given to the parent.

When considering exceptional term time leave requests, the following factors may help to reach a decision:

- Time of the academic year when the leave has been requested
- Duration of the absence – number of school days being missed
- The child's current attendance and punctuality rate
- Exceptional Term time leave requested/taken in previous academic years for a similar purpose
- Impact on any interventions, assessments or referrals being undertaken with the child or family e.g. family support, social care assessments, CYPS, SEN
- The impact that the absence will have on the child.

Examples of circumstances NOT considered as exceptional:

- Holidays taken in term time due to lower cost/parental work commitments.

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