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HOLIDAYS IN TERM-TIME

IMPORTANT: Please read carefully the information below. **WARNING:** If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be liable for a £60 Penalty Notice* per parent per child. As a Parent/Carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by, whenever possible, taking your holidays during school holidays.

THE FACTS	THE LAW
<p>We recognise that it is often expensive to take a holiday during school breaks and that is why some parents may ask for term-time leave for their child. However, it is important that parents carefully consider the implications of taking their child out of school during term time.</p> <p>Research suggests that children who are taken out of school may never catch up on the course work they have missed. This may affect test results and can be particularly harmful if the child is studying for final year examinations.</p> <p>Children who struggle with English or Mathematics may also find it even harder to cope when they return to school, while younger children may find it difficult to renew friendships with their classmates.</p> <p>WHAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER</p> <p>There are times during a school year when a child may experience particular problems because of term-time leave such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closeness to exams or tests. • During GCSE, and other examination courses • During the first year at a new school • At the beginning of a new school term <p>If the school refuses a request for term-time leave and the child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and you may receive a £60* fine per parent for each child.</p>	<p>The government have amended the law regarding parents' rights to remove their children from school during term-time to go on holiday – 'Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006: amended in 2016'. Headteachers can now only grant leave of absence in a very limited number of cases and only where parents can show that there are exceptional circumstances. Family holiday is no longer listed in the law as one of the permitted reasons for leave of absence to be granted. The law remains very clear that parents who take their child out of school during term time, without sufficiently significant reason and the permission of the school, are likely to face proceedings including the possibility of fixed penalty notices/fines.</p>
<p>Other absence from school will be authorised if it is for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genuine illness • Unavoidable medical/dental appointments (but try to make these after school if possible) • Days of religious observance • Exceptional circumstances, such as bereavement • Seeing a parent who is on leave from the armed forces • External examinations • When Traveller children go on the road with their parents 	<p>Other absence from school will not be authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For any type of shopping • Looking after brothers, sisters or unwell parents • Minding the house • Birthdays • Resting after a late night • Relatives visiting or visiting relatives

Please contact your child's head of year if you wish to discuss this issue.

The law requires schools to be open to pupils for 190 days each year, and every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time.

We hope that when you have read this leaflet you will consider that your child's education is too important to take holidays during term-time.

*Penalty Notice £60 if paid within 28 days, increasing to £100 if paid after 28 days and before 42 days.

TERM TIME ABSENCE

NOTES TO PARENTS/CARERS



The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time.

If the request is for a holiday in term time you must have Parental Responsibility and be the parent with whom the child normally lives. Permission must be sought in advance and must be for the purpose of a family holiday. If you do not have Parental Responsibility and/or normally live with the child you must seek the consent of the parent who does and that person should complete this form. Schools will only consider requests from that parent.

TO THE HEADTEACHER OF THE SCHOOL

I wish to apply for

NAME(S) OF CHILD/REN _____ Class
_____ DOB _____

_____. Class
_____ DOB _____

to be authorised as being absent from school from _____ to
_____ inclusive.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED:

REASON FOR ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

I confirm I have read the information contained in this form

Signature of Parent/Carer _____ Print Name:

Date of application (should be TWO weeks prior to date of absence):

To be completed by Head teacher

AUTHORISED: The School agrees to your child being absent from school on the specified dates.

UNAUTHORISED: The School does not authorise your request for leave in term time.

Child/ren current % attendance _____

SIGNED: _____ HEADTEACHER

Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO RECEPTION