



Information regarding Holidays in Term Time

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006

Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations in the [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2013](#). These amendments, as described below, will come into force on **1 September 2013**.

Term-Time Holidays

The [Education \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2006](#) currently allow Headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time in “special circumstances” of up to ten school days leave per year.

Headteachers can also grant extended leave for more than ten school days in exceptional circumstances.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations **remove references to family holiday and extended leave, as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days.**

The amendments make clear that Headteachers **may not grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are special circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

If you wish to request the Headteacher to consider an application for leave due to special circumstances, please write a letter explaining the reasons for the requested absence. You may be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the absence. After consideration of the application a letter regarding the decision will be sent to parents informing them if the absence will be authorised.

Please note that from September 2014, if parents are requesting permission due to holidays being unable to be taken during school holiday time, a letter confirming this will be requested from their employer.