



### Unauthorised Holidays

Children of school age who are registered at a school must, by law, attend that school regularly. Regular attendance is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him/her.

When a child is absent from school, he/she misses not only the teaching provided but is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return.

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Therefore every school day counts!

Regulations make it clear that parents do not have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a term time holiday.

If parents take their child on holiday in term time this will be counted as unauthorised absence - this is the same as truancy and you may be at risk of a penalty notice being applied.

**Don't be late! Every Minute Counts...**

**If your child arrives after registers have closed this is marked as an unauthorised session. Please check times with your school.**

**Well done to pupils from  
Beaupre, Wisbech St Mary  
and Nene & Ramnoth schools  
who achieved 100%  
attendance in the Summer  
term of 2018**



### Exclusions

If your child has been excluded from school they must stay at home during school hours and not be in a public place.

If they are seen out during school hours Penalty Notices will be issued.

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**Medical Evidence**

One of the following must be provided if your child is off school ill

- Printed doctor's consultation notes from the appointment
- Prescription
- Appointment card

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**Penalty Notices**

- The Penalty Notice fine is £60 per parent per child which rises to £120 if not paid within 21 days. If not paid after 28 days you may be prosecuted
- **Penalty Notices issued from 01.09.17 to 31.08.18 were – Attendance 62 and Term Time Leave 686**
- One parent has received a 6 week prison sentence, the first one in Cambridgeshire

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**Average Attendance**

The average attendance for children in primary schools in the Wisbech Schools' Partnership for -

**Summer term 2018**

**94.7%**

The national expectation for each child's school attendance is 100%