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Unauthorised Absence

There were many requests last year for holiday leave involving 21 pupils across the school, totalling nearly 100 days of absence. The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Any absence from school should be avoided, unless for medical reasons, as being absent from school can have a serious effect on a child's progress or create difficulties for them in their learning.

It is important to remind you that as little as 1 week (5 days = 10 sessions) of absence from school for a holiday taken during term time is recorded as an unauthorised absence and therefore you should be aware that from this September such absence may trigger the issuing of a fixed penalty notice by the local authority. The Request for Absence form states that the form serves as a Penalty Notice Warning letter to parents/carers.

We look forward to an overall reduction in the number of parents taking pupils on holidays in term time and an improvement in attendance. Thank you for your support.

