



PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Holidays During Term Time

I need to bring your attention to the following information recently received by schools:

Term-time Holidays

The current regulations allow Head Teachers to grant leave of absence for the purposes of a family holiday during term-time of up to 10 school days per year.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations now remove references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the 10 day threshold.

The new amendments make clear that Head Teachers may not grant leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Head Teachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

This means that from September 2013, I will be unable to authorise any applications for holidays. Applications I have already authorised will be honoured. I may still authorise absence in exceptional circumstances e.g. a family wedding, so long as attendance is not less than 95% and your child is making good progress. Time off to visit ill relatives or to attend a funeral is not given as holiday, but is recognised with a different coding in the register. You do not need to seek authorisation for this, but please let us know your child will be off school and why.

We will be amending our holiday request form so that leave for exceptional circumstances can be requested. These are available from the school office or downloadable from the school website.

Mr M. Turner
Head Teacher