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HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

In September 2014, the Department of Education made changes, which restricted the ability of head teachers being able to authorise holidays during term time. The changes meant that unless the absence was due to exceptional circumstances, we would not be allowed to authorise it. Any children taken out of school during term time where the reasons are no exceptional will have the absence marked as **'unauthorised.'**

Any parents/carers, who take their children out of school during term time where permission has not been granted from the head teacher, will have the absence(s) recorded as **'unauthorised.'**

The Local Authority monitor every school's attendance data regularly and they may wish to take further action in cases of poor attendance. For children taken out of school during term time for an unauthorised holiday, they may choose to issue the parents/carers with a fixed penalty notice of £60 per child (if paid within 21 days) or £120+ (if not) under Section 23 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act. Failure to pay the fine could result in prosecution.

'Poor attendance at school can have a hugely damaging effect, and children who attend school regularly are nearly four times more likely to achieve five or more good GCSE grades than those who are regularly absent' (Department for Education).

Thank you for your continued support.

Jo Sawyer