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Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education (DfE) announced important amendments to legislation surrounding holidays in term time that took effect from 1 September 2013. **The new law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.**

Any applications for leave of absence must be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. **Parents can be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time.** This information is on the school website as is the form for requesting leave of absence. Any application must be made to school at least four weeks before the planned absence

As a school we appreciate the financial and other difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays. All schools are required by the government to ensure that there is a significant reduction in the number of absences during term time by reducing the taking of holidays. Parental support in this matter will be much appreciated and this will help every student reach their potential by minimising the number of school days missed.

Yours sincerely



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