

Attendance and In-term Leave

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday/absence will be unavoidable but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday/absence. Students returning from a term time holiday/absence are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed. Children rarely catch up on missed work; this poses a potential risk of under achievement. It is your responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Any term time holiday will be recorded as unauthorised

The Education Legal Team will be notified of the holiday/absence taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued. Please note that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. **A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 28 days.** Thereafter, if the Penalty remains unpaid this may result in legal action. Parents are fined individually and for each child who is out of school. (A weeks extra holiday for 2 children could therefore incur a fine of £60 per parent per child (£240) which if not paid on time would come to £480)

Do not book holidays or trips abroad without contacting the school first and be aware that most trips will not be authorised and will result in the school pursuing legal action.