

Driffield Junior School

19th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I know many families have had holidays cancelled over the last year due to Covid restrictions and I understand that many of you will be very keen to holiday with your family.

Having checked with the local authority, I'm afraid the usual rules for absence from school now apply, so time off solely for holidays cannot be authorised. The only exception is if the holiday company has stipulated the exact dates you must take your holiday (which is highly unlikely). In these circumstances, proof would be required.

If you are requesting time off for your child (for any reason other than a medical appointment or illness) it is important that you complete an 'Absence from School for Exceptional Circumstances' form in advance, giving as much information as possible.

Thinking ahead to September, may I remind you that the Local Authority policy does not allow me to authorise absences from school in the first 6 weeks of the new school year.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news but I feel it is important that you are aware of the 'rules' and also that, as Headteacher, these are what I must adhere to.

Below is the link to the relevant East Riding website:

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-attendance/holidays-during-term-time-and-authorised-absence-from-school/>

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