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Dear Parents/Carers,

Holidays in Term Time

A recent meeting of local cluster school Headteachers took place to discuss the Government guidance regarding requests from parents for holidays in term time.

This letter clarifies the position.

Headteachers are no longer allowed to authorise children's absence from school during term time, for a holiday.

Any absence that is not due to illness may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be rare, significant, unavoidable and short. If you think that your leave of absence is an exceptional circumstance, please contact the Headteacher in writing.

Parents who take children out of school for a holiday risk being fined.

For further information please see the Department for Education website <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

Yours faithfully.....

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