

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

**Unauthorised leave of absence during term time**

**On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the Supreme Court appeal, in relation to the Platt v Isle of Wight case, determined that under section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 attending school ‘regularly’ means:**

***“in accordance with the rules prescribed by the school”***

**PLEASE NOTE**

**Therefore, from 1st September 2017, if requested, Derbyshire County Council will consider the issue of a penalty notice for any period of holiday absence which has not been authorised by the Headteacher regardless of a child’s wider school attendance.**