

Lawefield Primary School Holidays in Term Time Policy

Authorised and Unauthorised Absence

Lawefield Primary School follows the advice of the Wakefield Local Authority and **does NOT authorise any term time holiday**. School recognises that it is important to visit family members in other countries but discourages this taking place in term time because of the potential it has to affect children's progress and attainment.

During the school year there are 13 weeks of holidays in which parents may take their children on holiday or extended leave.

However, the school acknowledges that there may be instances in which children may be absent from school that are neither holidays nor ordinary family visits in which the Headteacher has the authority to authorise a child's absence. Examples of this include a child being absent from school because of the funeral of a close family member or an illness to a relative which may necessitate the parent taking a child to another area or country. In such a situation it will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and dependent on the individual circumstances as to whether or not the absence is authorised.