



**HOLY TRINITY STACKSTEADS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL,
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Wednesday 23rd January 2019,

Dear Parent / Carer

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (L.C.C.) PRESS RELEASE ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Many of you will have seen media reports over the weekend and yesterday regarding possible changes to the penalties for unauthorised holidays during term-time. L.C.C. have issued a press release basically denying that any such changes are being considered.

You may also recall that I sent out a letter to this effect in November 2018. As L.C.C. are denying any such changes are being considered, you will quite rightly be thinking that I have made it up and not been honest with you.

I am writing today to make it clear that the information that I sent out in November was based on information provided to me in an email from a L.C.C. School Attendance Consultant. Any headteacher has the right to assume that information provided by any officer of Lancashire County Council is accurate.

I have contacted L.C.C. and provided them with a copy of the email, that states that a pilot project is being done in a few schools, that £1,000 fines for certain offences are possible and that it was okay for me to pass this on to the parents of the school.

I have requested a further statement from L.C.C. making it clear, to both parents and the wider public, that any headteacher who may have communicated this to parents was doing so in good faith and not making it up as L.C.C.'s press release and subsequent media reports suggest.

Yours sincerely,

J. ASPIN

Headteacher

