

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent high profile court cases, I am writing to clarify our position regarding leave of absence in term time. We will be following the advice sent to us from the Minister of State for Schools, which says that leave of absence for students will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. There is clear evidence that absence from school is directly linked to lower levels of attainment and, as an academy, it is our responsibility to ensure that all our pupils do as well as possible and have access to the full curriculum.

While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education and therefore, as an academy, we believe that no child should miss school except when exceptional circumstances occur.

If you feel that there are exceptional circumstances, we request that you contact the school directly to arrange a meeting with either the Principal and Vice Principals to discuss the matter after completing a leave of absence form. In making any decision regarding leave of absence, the nature of the absence and the student's current attendance records will be considered.

It is the policy of the Academy to issue a fine on the 4th day of unauthorised absence.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Ms Kath Just

Principal

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