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Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO LEGISLATION REGARDING LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME.

The Department for Education requires Local Authorities to implement government amendments to the regulations regarding the taking of Leave of Absence in term-time, which will come into force on the 1st September 2013. The new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.

Headteachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional. Therefore Headteachers will only be able to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and this will still be at the discretion of the Headteacher.

No parent/carers can demand leave of absence as of right. The Education Regulations state that applications must be made in advance by a parent/carers with whom the child lives and can only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances. Each leave application is considered individually by the school taking into account any factors presented by the family. Application forms are available from your child's school. Headteachers will also welcome early discussion with you around potential applications.

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