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Update in regards to Leave of Absence Penalty Notices:

Dear Parent/Carers

As the Supreme Court has now overturned the High Court ruling effective as of 5th of June 2017 we wish to inform you that North Yorkshire County Council is resuming its original position and will be issuing Penalty Notices. Notices will be issued on any period of absence which does not meet the criteria of exceptional circumstances. Fines will be issued on periods of ten or more unauthorised sessions of leave (either in a block or accumulatively over a four month period) taken without the permission of the school.

North Yorkshire County Council will issue a fine of £60, (per parent with parental responsibility) which will rise to £120 if you don't pay within 21 days for each Penalty Notice. If you don't pay the fine after 28 days you may be prosecuted for your child's absence from school.

For information exceptional circumstance are only considered under the following guidance:

- Service personnel returning from active deployment
- Where inflexibility of the parents' leave or working arrangement is part of the organisational or company policy. This would need to be evidenced by the production or confirmation from the organisation/company
- Where leave is recommended as part of a parents' or child's rehabilitation from medical or emotional problems. Evidence must be provided
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis

If you are considering requesting a period of leave for your child please be aware that it will not be authorised unless it fits with the above exceptional circumstance and evidence will be required. All requests for Leave of Absence should be made six weeks prior to the leave to enable the request to be considered by the panel- if your request is made later than this it may not be possible to inform you of our decision prior to the Leave of Absence beginning.

Yours Sincerely

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