

Holidays in term-time Information for parents



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From the start of the current academic year (2013/14) headteachers are no longer able to grant up to 10 days leave for holidays during school term time. The Secretary of State for Education has stated that **all holidays during term time** are unauthorised and could be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £60.

Parents are advised not to seek approval for term time holidays from their child's headteacher unless there is "exceptional circumstance", such as a family wedding, overseas funeral or other family event which is not deemed to be a 'holiday' and cannot be easily arranged outside of term time. It is at the discretion of the headteacher of your child's school to grant leave in these circumstances.

Important information about the Fixed Penalty Notice

A fine becomes effective if a child has had ten or more unauthorised sessions or five days absence. Further details of the FPN are included below:

- An FPN can be issued to each parent, per child
- A fine of £60 is payable in 21 days and, if there is a failure to pay after that time, it rises to £120, payable in 28 days
- If the fine remains unpaid after 28 days then the parent(s) or carer(s) may be prosecuted under S444 (1) of the Education Act, 1996 for the period of non-attendance and is subject to a fine up to £1,000 per parent

Code of Conduct

More information on the 'Code of Conduct' is available on the Milton Keynes Council website by visiting www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolattendance



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