APPLICATION FOR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL: HOLIDAY / EXTENDED LEAVE

It is a legal requirement for parents/carers to obtain the permission of the Headteacher before removing their child from school in order to take a holiday during term time. Parents **do not** have an automatic right to take their children out of school for holidays during term time and may be issued with a Penalty Notice if they do so without prior permission from the Headteacher.

Parents wishing to apply for their child to be granted leave from school should **complete this form and return it to school for consideration before booking and well in advance of the proposed leave**.

Upon receipt of a request the Headteacher will make a decision as to whether to authorise the absence, being mindful of statutory requirements. Legislation only allows the Headteacher to authorise such leave in ***exceptional circumstances***.

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| **PARENTS’ SECTION** |  |  |  | |  |
| Surname of child: |  |  | |  | First Name of child: |
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| Date of Birth: |  |  | |  | Year Group: |
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| Surname of parent/carer: |  |  | |  | First name: |
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| Relationship to child: |  |  | |  | Are there any siblings applying for leave |
| Home address: |  |  | |  |  |
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| Postcode: |  |  | |  | Telephone number: |
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| Please state why leave must be  taken during term time instead of during school holiday periods**. If you feel there are exceptional circumstances please write a separate letter to Mrs Stokes.** | | | | | |
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| Length of absence :  (number of days off school) | | | |  | Destination: |
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| Date of departure: Date due back in school: | | | | | |

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| Emergency UK telephone contact name and number: |  | Other emergency contact details, if leave is outside the UK |

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| Employer Details  If you are stating work commitments as a reason for requesting leave, please complete this section and attach any evidence you have showing why leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. | Name  Address  Date |
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| **Mother’s signature:**  **Date of application:** | **Father’s signature:** |

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| **SCHOOL SECTION** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date application received: | Pupil's %  Attendance  this academic year: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of meeting with parent(s): (if applicable)  Number of previous applications | | | | | | |
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| About the request: (Please circle) | Leave request approved  Parent(s) informed of potential consequences of taking unauthorised leave |  |  | **Yes** |  | **No** |
|  |  |  | **Yes** |  | **No** |

Reason (s) for decisions

Headteacher’s signature Date

**PENALTY NOTICE AND FINE:**

Each case will be considered individually. A penalty notice for non-attendance will be issued to both parents in cases of unauthorised absence for **10 school sessions (five days) and above in any one term** and **14 sessions (7 days) lost to unauthorised absence over two consecutive terms**.

# Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority. Arrangements for payment will be detailed on the penalty notice proforma. Payment of a penalty within 21 days of receipt of the penalty notice is

£60. Payment after this time, but within 28 days of receipt of the notice is £120.