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Dear Parent/Carer

Holidays in Term-time

We would like to remind parents and carers of the changes to legislation surrounding holidays in term-time.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, the new law gave **no** entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term-time. Any application for leave must only be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave booked.

Parents or carers who take their children on holidays in term-time without the school's permission or are late returning from an extended holiday, **can be fined £60 if paid within 21 days rising to £120 if paid within 28 days. Failure to make the payment will result in the Local Authority taking legal action.**

We fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during the school holidays, but the law does state **that the cost of a holiday is not a valid reason for taking time out of school.**

Further information can be obtained from [www.dfe.gov.uk](http://www.dfe.gov.uk).

I thank you for your continued support.

Mr Elms

Head Teacher

