

## THE LAW

Children of school age registered at a school, must by law attend school regularly.

Parents DO NOT have any right or entitlement to take a child out of school for the purpose of a term time holiday. In exceptional circumstances a head teacher may authorise a request for a period of leave of up to 10 days in any one school year.

Taking a holiday without permission from the head teacher could result in the issue of a PENALTY NOTICE that could lead to a fine of £50 per parent per child.

In some instances children who take holidays in term time could risk losing their school place.

## Encourage Your Child's Attendance

For more information contact your child's school or alternatively you can contact: -

The Education Welfare Service  
9 North Avenue  
Stoke Park  
Coventry  
CV2 4DH

Telephone: (024) 76788360

Your child's education is too important to take holidays in term time.



## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Your child's education is priceless!

Coventry Education Authority does not support holidays in school time. There are 190 statutory days in one school year; this leaves 175 days every year out of school time available for holidays.

## Every School Day Matters

**The Law requires that pupils must attend their school regularly. Before taking a child on holiday please consider the following:**

- Request a holiday form before booking a holiday
- The parent/guardian with whom the child lives should complete a holiday request form as soon as possible and return to school.
- A decision from school will be given within 7 days - You may be required to attend a formal interview with the Headteacher.

**The government recommendation is that the school attendance of every child should be 95% or above, if they are to achieve their potential.**

**Pupils who take 10 days holiday during term time can only achieve a maximum attendance of 94.70% even if there are no other absences throughout the year.**

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### **PARENTS**

**Consequences of taking your child out of school for a holiday:**

- Missing out on valuable school work/courses
- Loss of learning opportunities if close to exams
- Settling in problems during the first term/year of a new school
- Disruption in friendship groups
- Difficulties a child may face due to having to ask for extra help to catch up
- Your child may never catch up on school missed
- Your child may return from a holiday to find that they no longer have a school place
- Research proves that exam grades are reduced in proportion to the number of days missed

**IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT!**

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Before permission is granted to authorise holidays in term time the Headteacher must consider carefully:

- **The child's overall attendance pattern**
- **Any holidays already taken in the school year**
- **The reason for taking time off during term time**
- **The child's stage of education**
- **Time and duration of the holiday**
- **The ability of the child to catch up on the work they have missed**
- **Closeness to SATS and GCSE exams and course work**
- **Deadlines**
- **Whether the holiday is in the child's best interest.**