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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education (DfE) recently announced a change to the regulations governing pupil absence from school of which all parents and carers should be aware.

This amendment makes it clear that head teachers may **not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It clearly states on the information leaflets that time off for family holidays is not a right and schools can only authorise a holiday for exceptional circumstances. You may be given a penalty notice or prosecuted for periods of unauthorised holiday. A request for absence should still be made to the office if you believe the absence fits the criteria of exceptional circumstances.

The relationship between high attendance and pupil attainment has never been clearer.

You can find full details of the amendment at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/behaviour/attendance/a00223868/regulations-amendments>

Please take time to read the enclosed leaflet which explains school attendance and the impact of missing time off school.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Bacon
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