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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Department for Education has announced important amendments to legislation in relation to holidays in term time.

From 1st September 2013, **the law gives 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. The Governing Body is legally required to adhere to the law and consequently **no holidays in term time will now be authorised.**

Parents can receive a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority for taking their child during term time without consent from the school. From September 2013 these Notices now cost £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days.

As a School we fully appreciate the challenges that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during the school holidays. However all time in school is precious. The Local Authority will be monitoring all absences during term time.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors to thank you for your full support in this matter by not taking you child out of school during term time.

If you would like to discuss this matter please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Llewellyn
Headteacher

