

# Holidays in term-time Information for parents



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From the start of the current academic year (2013/ 14) headteachers are no longer able to grant up to 10 days leave for holidays during school term time. The Secretary of State for Education has stated that **all holidays during term time** are unauthorised and could be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £60.

Parents are advised not to seek approval for term time holidays from their child's headteacher unless there is "exceptional circumstance", such as a family wedding, overseas funeral or other family event which is not deemed to be a 'holiday' and cannot be easily arranged outside of term time. It is at the discretion of the headteacher of your child's school to grant leave in these circumstances.

## Important information about the Fixed Penalty Notice

A fine becomes effective if a child has had ten or more unauthorised sessions or five days absence. Further details of the FPN are included below:

- An FPN can be issued to each parent, per child
- A fine of £60 is payable in 21 days and, if there is a failure to pay after that time, it rises to £120, payable in 28 days
- If the fine remains unpaid after 28 days then the parent(s) or carer(s) may be prosecuted under S444 (1) of the Education Act, 1996 for the period of non-attendance and is subject to a fine up to £1,000 per parent

## Code of Conduct

More information on the 'Code of Conduct' is available on the Milton Keynes Council website by visiting [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolattendance](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schoolattendance)



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