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HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIMES

A new amendment concerning term-time leave of absence and holiday leave came into effect from 1st September 2013.

Term-Time Holiday

Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave, as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

It will be at the discretion of the Head Teacher that leave of absence will only be granted under exceptional circumstances. A form will need to be completed and submitted, for the attention of the Head Teacher at least one month in advance.

Please holidays during term time will not be granted under any circumstance.

Penalty Notice

From 1st September 2013 the new regulations set out procedures for issuing penalties to each parent who fail to ensure their child(ren) regularly attends school. The timescale for parents' paying penalty notices change also; payment of £60 within 21 days or £120 within 28 days. This brings attendance penalty notices into line with other types of penalty notices and allows Local Authorities to act faster on prosecutions.