



REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 sets out the law in respect of leave of absence during term time

An application for leave of absence in term time should be made to the Headteacher for the school at which the child is on roll, by a parent/carer with whom the pupil normally resides and giving at least 20 school days notice.

Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust requires an application for leave of absence in term time to be completed whenever a child is to be absent from school, for any reason, other than medical or illness absence. This ensures the school is aware of the absence and the appropriate safeguarding procedures have been followed

A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD

PARENT/ CARER DETAILS

Name & address of parent/carer requesting the leave of absence:

Name: Address

Name: Address

By signing this form you are agreeing to the request being made

Signature(s):.....

Date:.....

Where leave of absence in term time is taken without a request being made, this will be investigated in accordance with NPCAT Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and the Child Missing Education procedures, which may involve a referral to the Local Authority Children's Services and the Police. Fines may be issued.

CHILD DETAILS

Name:

DOB:

Address:

Name of school:

Year group:

Date requested

First date of absence:

Last date of absence:

Reason for request

Has an application for leave of absence been made to another school for a sibling/s? If yes, please give the name of the school/pupil:

A Headteacher will not grant leave of absence during term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance

The exceptional circumstances will focus on:

- A recent serious illness or bereavement of an immediate family member
- A member of the Armed Forces whereby they need to undertake a tour of duty, which conflicts school holidays
- Restrictions on Police leave or other emergency services where specific duties are undertaken in relation to a national event, which conflicts with school holidays

Please provide evidence of any exceptional circumstance with the application

Office use only: Please tick appropriate box

LEAVE AUTHORISED

Exceptional circumstances found

LEAVE DENIED

Exceptional circumstances **NOT** found

Headteacher signature:

Date:

A Penalty Notice

- Can be issued by the Local Authority where leave of absence in term time is not granted, but taken
- A fine of £80 payable within 21 days, if unpaid increasing to £160 payable within 28 days will be issued to each parent for each child who has not been granted leave of absence. If the penalty notice is not paid in full the local authority may prosecute.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child in a 3 year rolling period, the charge will be the higher rate of £160.
- A national limit of 2 penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3 year period so at the 3rd or subsequent offence the local authority will instigate legal proceedings such as prosecution.

The Penalty Notice Code of Conduct is drawn up by each Local Authority, which sets out measures to ensure consistency in the issuing of penalty notices. Details are available on each Local Authority website.

NPCAT will endeavour to respond to this request within 15 school days of receiving the request

