

Time off school is not a right

✎ Only exceptional circumstances can be authorised.

✎ Only Head Teachers can authorise absence.

Exceptional circumstances do not include:

✎ Cheaper holidays

✎ Pre-booked holidays, or holidays already taken

FACT

IT IS NOT TRUE that pupils can catch up. Research shows that by missing lessons, pupils soon fall behind.

FACT

IT IS NOT TRUE that lessons pupils miss are repeated at a later date.

FACT

IT IS NOT TRUE that you are entitled to 10 days extra holiday each year. Schools are quite within their rights to say that **HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TERM TIME ARE NOT ALLOWED**.

FACT

IT IS NOT TRUE that missing school does not matter for younger children – it does matter: every school day counts.

Holidays during school term time are not allowed

If you take your child out of school during school term time without the Head Teacher's authorisation or if your child remains absent beyond an agreed return date

You risk being issued with a penalty notice, or being taken to court

Your child pays a high price for your term time holiday.

✎ You risk losing your child's place at their school

✎ You risk your child's future due to lower achievement through lost learning

✎ You risk your child being left behind and left out

STOP AND THINK: WHAT WILL IT COST YOUR CHILD?

REMEMBER: EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



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**For further help and
advice, speak to your
school attendance
officer**

