

Hayle Academy

Dear Parent/carer

Notes on family holidays

Planning your holiday

We publish the dates of school terms well ahead. This is to help you plan your holidays. When you book your holiday, please check that it does not clash with the school term.

Applying for absence because of a family holiday

The Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms. If you have to take your family holiday during school term, please fill in the form over the page. Please do not assume that you will automatically get permission for the absence because you have filled in the form.

Head teachers have the discretion to grant leave in term time, but they should only do so in exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher will consider the reasons for the holiday, the student's past attendance and the effects the absence will have on the student's learning. The Headteacher is unlikely to give permission simply because holidays cost less during term time.

Please wait to hear if the Headteacher agrees to your request. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

The value of regular attendance

Your child must attend school regularly, especially to gain qualifications for their future employment. Research shows that pupils perform better if their parents or carers emphasise the importance of attending school.

Your legal responsibilities

You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor.

Warning:

If you take your child out of school without permission you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to the Education Welfare Service who may decide to issue a Penalty Notice under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.



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Request for leave of absence during term time
*(Please read notes overleaf before completing this form and
 return it to the Student Support Centre)*

SECTION A

Name of Student	Tutor Group
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First day of absence	Last day of absence	Total number of <i>SCHOOL</i> days absent

Where are you going?	
What will you be doing?	
Why are you taking your holidays in term time?	

SECTION B

(if you are requesting absence for a family holiday and you are unable to take time off work during the school holidays, please complete this section. Otherwise go to SECTION C)

Name of parent/carer whose job affects when you are able to go on holiday	
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Name and address of employer	
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Please explain why it is difficult for you to take time off work during school holidays, or attach your conditions of employment	
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SECTION C

I have read the attached notes. The information I have given on this form is correct.

Signature of Parent/Carer	Date
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SECTION D

For office use

Approved/not approved	Date:
Signature of Headteacher	Date:

