

# Burradon Community Primary School



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Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## Holiday requests during term time

### A CHANGE FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

#### Term time holiday regulations

As you may be aware, amendments to the Government Attendance Regulations (2006) I am unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time unless they are under exceptional circumstances. This is not a school decision, but a decision which has been made for all schools in the country and Burradon Community Primary School is expected to follow the same guidelines.

#### Impact of term time holidays on children

On a termly basis, we continue to monitor the impact that taking holidays in term time has had on our school attendance and on the attendance, learning and progress of individual children. There are several instances of children having more than 10 school days off for holidays during term time and we have a large number of children having more than 5 days off during the academic year for holidays.

When children have a term time holiday, as well as illness during the year, their attendance can drop below the Local Authority and National expectations. As a consequence, this can make it difficult for them to learn as effectively as their peers.

#### CHANGES FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

**Because of the impact term time holidays are having on the attendance of our children, governors have made a decision, based on expectations from the Local Authority, that any term time holidays which are more than 5 school days in total within the academic year (beginning of September 2020 – end of July 2021) will lead to North Tyneside Council issuing a Penalty Notice.** Many North Tyneside schools are now issuing fixed penalty warnings for any term time holidays, even if it is just one day.

#### The penalty notice

The Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice could result in the Local Authority starting legal proceedings against you for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

I understand that you may still make the decision to take your child on holiday during term time, however it is important that you are aware that this may result in a fine as stated.



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## **Informing the School**

As a school we must still be correctly and honestly informed, for safeguarding purposes, of the reasons for your child's absence, including if this is due to a holiday. From September 2020, a holiday form must be filled in and school will continue to reply to each request in writing

## **We have already booked our holiday from after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 next year...**

As we are aware some families may already have booked their holiday for next academic year before governors have made the decision to change our school rules on term time holidays.

Therefore if you can bring proof into school that you have already booked your holidays for after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 before the date at the top of this letter (e.g booking form or email with date of booking), we will ensure that you do not receive a fine for the first 10 days of this holiday only.

If you would like to speak to me to discuss this letter, please do not hesitate to ring or make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A.L. Hunter  
Headteacher

*This letter was sent out to all families on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and was posted on the school website the same day.*

