

Application for Leave of Absence during Term Time



Durham Johnston

A. Pupil Details			
Name:		Form:	
		DoB:	
Address:			
School attended by sibling/s (if applicable)			

B. Leave of Absence Request Details			
Start date of requested leave:		End date:	
Return to school date:		No. of days:	
What are the <u>exceptional circumstances</u> for your leave of absence request that you wish the school to consider?			
Name of parent / carer (print):			
Signature:		Date:	
Name of parent / carer (print):			
Signature:		Date:	

C. For School Use		
Current attendance %:		
Previous LOA this academic year/last year:		
Does the LOA request time coincide with SATS / other examination periods:		
Child's current / potential level of attainment?		
Head teacher to call for additional information? (Date, context)		
Is the LOA approved?:	YES	NO
If YES - Number of days to be authorised for this LOA application:		
Signature of Head Teacher:		Date:
*Register Code to be used for this LOA:		

Please be aware that 7 or more days of unauthorised absence may lead to a £60 fine per child per parent/carer

Holidays in Term Time

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the law say about leave of absence in term time?

It says Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

If my child's school refuses to authorise my term time leave of absence request, will I receive a Fixed Penalty Notice and can I be prosecuted?

Durham County Council's Fixed Penalty Notice Protocol acknowledges that regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to maximise their educational opportunities.

Circumstances where a Penalty Notice might be issued include unauthorised leave of absence in term time, or other parentally condoned absence where the absence amounts to **seven school days or more in a minimum twelve rolling school week period**. You can be prosecuted if you receive a fixed penalty notice and it is not paid.

Under the Education Act 1996, parents commit an offence if they fail to ensure their child's regular school attendance. Taking a child out of school for a leave of absence without permission, and where the absence amounts to seven school days or more of unauthorised absence in a minimum twelve week rolling term is viewed as failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

Payment of a Penalty Notice, where offered, is an alternative to prosecution. If unpaid, prosecution for the Education Act offence may therefore ensue. A fixed penalty notice will be issued to **each person with parental responsibility** for the child / children who is deemed liable for the offence / offences.