



Thinking of taking your child on holiday in term time?

If so, please think carefully...

- **There is no automatic entitlement to any leave in term time** therefore parents **must** seek school's permission before taking their child out of school.
- School will **only authorise** the absence if there are **exceptional reasons** for taking the leave in term time.
- School **will** require parents to fill in a leave request form **prior to booking** any holiday and/or attend a meeting in school.

There may be occasions where, even in exceptional circumstances, your child's school may not agree leave, for example during SATs week or important transitional periods

*What is the hidden cost of your family holiday?
Any financial savings should be weighed up against the impact
on your child's education.....*



Reasons why you should not take your child out of school in term time:

- Evidence shows that even small amounts of absence from school can affect your child's progress and attainment.
- The education of your child could be disrupted both prior to and after any leave, causing them to fall behind and struggling to catch up.
- For every week of school a child misses, they lose 25 hours of education which can never be regained.
- Approximately every 6 weeks your child gets a holiday from school, therefore you should use this time to take your child on holiday.
- If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time without permission, you may be issued with a penalty notice.