

# **Application for 'Holiday Absence'**

Please consider the following when requesting an absence for your child from school. You may wish to request an attendance percentage report for your child before you complete this form, and we advise you to refer to our School Absence Policy which can be found on our website

**Good Attendance** has been recognised as an important factor in your child doing well at school. Mrs Rushen-Gough has never been able to authorise absences including holidays in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### If an absence is not authorised, you will be at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Fine.

It has been shown nationally that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas. We (as do all schools) report attendance on those pupils who are persistently absent from school.

### Every School day counts but every minute is equally important!

## Did you know?

If your child is 5 minutes late every school day that adds up to over 3 days lost each academic year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every school day that adds up to almost 2 weeks lost each academic year.

#### Attendance that is worrying and of serious concern

90% = 19 days absence a year - worrying

85% = 29 days absence a year - very worrying

80% = 38 days absence a year - serious concern

75% = 48 days absence a year – serious concern

Please consider the consequences for your child.