

Leave For Exceptional Circumstances Term Time

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 make it clear that Head Teachers may not grant *any* leave during term time unless there are 'Exceptional Circumstances'. The amendments give parents/carers no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time.

Please note:

- This form can only be completed by the parent/carer with whom the student resides.
- You will be informed in writing of the decision that has been made with regard to the request.
- The school term dates are available on the website well in advance of each academic year.

FOR COMPLETION BY PARENT/CARER

You have requested Knutsford Academy's permission for leave to be taken during term time. Before such authorisation is considered, please complete the form below. Completion of the form does not guarantee that the leave will be authorised.

Student Name	Year Group	Form

Dates of leave (please list all the dates for which you are requesting leave):

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

Please give full reason(s) for requesting leave in term time :

Name of Parent Submitting the Form	
Date the Form was submitted to school	

Taking your child out of Knutsford Academy without permission, *may* result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Penalty Notices may be issued for

Term time leave: Penalty Notice fines may be issued for term time leave of 5 or more days (10 sessions) in a 10-week period.

However, school retain the discretion to request a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent/carer per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent/carer for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued.

The Local Authority may place the matter before the court. The Magistrates may impose a fine up to £2500.

The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.

There is no right of appeal by parents against a penalty notice.

Please return to Mr C Leigh (Assistant Head Teacher)
clh@knutsfordacademy.org.uk

For Completion by Knutsford Academy staff: -

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Authorised (register code C)

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Unauthorised (register code G)

Reason request for leave is being declined:

Signed: _____

Mr C Leigh
Assistant Headteacher

Date: _____