

Am I allowed to take my child on holiday during term time?



Absence will **not** be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all parents/carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a **Fixed Penalty Notice** from the Local Authority.

In Stockton Local Authority, a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if:

- Your child has accrued **10 or more unauthorised absences** (5-days) in an **8-week period**.
- You take your child on an **unauthorised holiday** during the school term and has accrued **10 or more absences** (5-days).

If issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice, the charge is £120.00 **per parent / child**, but this is reduced to £60.00 if paid within 21 days.

Only in exceptional circumstances will term time holidays be authorised by the school – please complete a ‘holiday form’ at the school office to see if a holiday can be approved for exceptional circumstances.

There are 175 non-school days a year. This is 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.