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**REQUEST FOR ABSENCE FROM LEARNING DURING TERM TIME**

***Please read notes below and complete all sections of the form***

This form is to be completed and handed to the school office for the attention of Miss Druce (Assistant Headteacher), who has designated authority from Miss Thomassen. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child/ren’s regular attendance at school. The Headteacher, or designate, **may** authorise leave of absence but will consider the reasons for the request, the effect on the continuity of the child/ren’s learning and overall attendance. **Only in exceptional circumstances** may the amount of leave exceed in total more than two weeks (10 days) in any year.

The application should be made **well in advance** and parents are strongly advised to discuss their plans with school to apply for leave of absence **before** they confirm their holiday arrangements.

**Please be aware that if you take your child out of school for unauthorised or frequent absence during term time, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.**

**I request that leave of absence be granted to:**

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| **Name** | **Class** | **Date of Birth** |
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**From (first day of absence)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to (last day of absence)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why this cannot be taken in school holiday period – please complete this section**

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**Declaration**

*I/we understand that we have a duty to ensure my/our child/ren are in school and that this absence cannot be avoided. I/we understand that high or frequent absence could incur a fixed penalty notice or a referral to an outside agency.*

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| **Parent(s)/ Carer(s)** | **Signature** | **Date** |
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**For school use only:**

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| ***Decision:***  *Authorised/ Unauthorised* | ***Signed:*** | ***Role:*** | ***Date:*** |
| **Copy to:** | *Parent/carer* | *Pupil file* | *Arbor updated* |

**Are you going abroad?**

If your child is being taken out of school during term time and details of their destination are not provided, this could be a serious safeguarding issue. When a child is absent or missing from school they could be at risk of harm. The school has a duty to keep all children safe and this includes knowing where they are. If the parent/carer fails to provide the required information, then the school may make a referral to UK or international police or social care as a ‘missing child’.

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| **Destination country:** |
| **Reason for travel:** |
| **Address in destination country:** |
| **Email address:** |
| **Contact name/relationship/numbers:** |