

There are 190 statutory school days in one year. That means there are 175 days (weekends & school holidays) available to use for holidays!

- 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.

**"Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world"**  
Nelson Mandela

- 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.

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County Council



Attendance Matters!



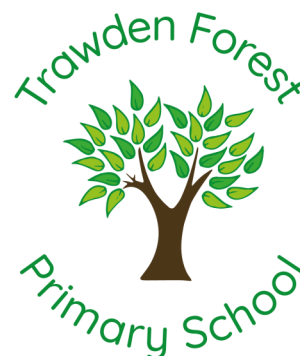
Every Student, Every School, Every Day

*Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set a target & this is used to compare us to other schools nationally.*

*Our current **target** is **96%** attendance.*

*If you take your child on a **2 week holiday** in term time, attendance for the year **immediately drops to 95%**.*

**Attendance Matters at  
Trawden Forest  
Primary School**



**Thinking of taking  
your child on  
holiday in term  
time?**

**Information for  
parents/carers  
2021/22**