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Dear Parent/Carer,

This is being sent out alongside another letter regarding attendance, with particular reference to term time holidays. The accompanying letter is based on Norfolk County Council guidelines. As a Local Authority school, we have to adhere to certain requirements.

As a school, although we recognise the benefits of travel and cultural experiences and understand that holidays are cheaper during term time, we have to adhere to Norfolk regulations.

Teachers have noticed that term time holidays can have a huge impact on a child's learning. The National Curriculum changed in 2014 and expectations were significantly increased at all ages, making the curriculum potentially harder for children. Due to the amount of work teachers have to cover in a year the curriculum moves at an incredibly fast pace, this makes it more difficult for teachers to re-visit any work missed and for children to catch up. There are also assessments undertaken throughout the year which help us to identify any gaps pupils may have and inform future planning which may be missed, alongside social implications.

If you do choose to take a term time holiday, please collect a request form from Mrs Byer. If the request is for 9 sessions or more, (4.5 school days) it could be eligible for a Fixed Penalty Notice, which could result in a fine. You will be informed by letter about whether or not your holiday request has been authorised.

Please be aware that we are only allowed to authorise holiday which is classed as an exceptional circumstance, an example of this is a wedding or funeral.

I hope this helps to clarify the accompanying letter. Please speak to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Goodhew
Headteacher

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