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'With God all things are possible'



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are already aware the Government does not allow us to authorise holidays in term time. I understand the last few years have been very difficult for everyone but the rules regarding holidays have not changed.

The pandemic has caused disruption to all children's education and the aim now is to ensure that children attend school, unless they are ill. Reducing further disruption to children's education is vital and is a key priority in Staffordshire.

Therefore, if you choose to take your child on holiday in term time, it will be an unauthorised absence and you may be fined by Staffordshire County Council.

Can I please make it clear that schools do NOT receive the money from fines.

In very exceptional circumstances, a holiday may be authorised, however this would not include holidays that have been cancelled and rearranged due to the pandemic, as the expectation would be that it is rearranged in the school holidays.

Exceptional circumstances are rare and would include things such as, a child going to visit a terminally ill grandparent. We have recently been informed that Staffordshire Police have had their leave cancelled due to the Commonwealth Games but this is not classed as an exceptional circumstance, for them to take children on holiday in term time. Therefore, there are very few cases where a holiday can be authorised.

If you do wish to take your child on holiday in term time, you must request it in writing before you go. If you take your child without requesting it, you will still be liable to a fine from Staffordshire County Council.

These rules are decided by the Government and as a school we adhere to them, to ensure that your child attends school and can receive the best education possible.

Kind regards

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