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Dear Parents

Term Time Holidays

Following a lovely summer holiday break with good weather, it is rather disappointing to be receiving holiday Leave of Absence forms. This is especially disappointing as INSET Days were deliberately arranged to give families greater, potentially cheaper holiday options. I understand that family holidays are important in building lifelong memories for children whose families are lucky enough to be able to do this. The government are very clear, that children are expected to be in school for 190 days a year and that holidays must be taken during the allocated dates. If parents choose to disregard this, your child's education will be affected.

3 shocking statistics around school absence

- Primary school children who miss 9/10 days of school are 30% less likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.
- Secondary school children who miss 10 days a year are 50% less likely to achieve a grade 5 in English and Maths.
- Persistently absent pupils (10 days a year or more missed) in secondary school could earn £10,000 less at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance.

It is more important than ever that children with SEND are in school consistently for the whole year and do not take a holiday in the term time which, in addition to missed learning, can be very unsettling for children.

Please do not book a holiday during the school term. If this does happen, the absence will **not** be authorised and Buckinghamshire Council may fine you. We have noticed that an increasing number of fines are being issued.

Your child is entitled to a full education and the best opportunities in life, which can only be provided by full attendance.

Kind regards

Mrs R Phillips
Headteacher