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Dear Parents/Carers,

The government have recently made a number of amendments relating to school attendance regulations. In particular these relate to changes around fixed penalty notices and term time holidays. The following extract is taken from the government guidance;

Term time holidays:

The amendment removes reference to family holidays and extended leave and the threshold of ten school days. The amendment makes clear that headteachers cannot grant any leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We have been advised to share this information with parents/carers immediately to ensure that family holidays are taken during school holidays.

We have already issued calendar dates for the next 2 academic years complete with INSET days in order to assist families in booking holidays. Calendars are updated and available on the school website.

All information can be found on the Department for Education website as follows:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/564599/school_attendance.pdf

Advice on school attendance – <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Further advice may be sought from the Education Welfare Service.

Thank you for your co-operation

N Russell

Headteacher

