

Parents who are thinking of taking their child out of school for a term time holiday should read the information in this leaflet and not book their holiday until they have discussed the matter with their child's school.



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Children who attend school regularly do better in school

Attendance at school is very important for your child's future as there is a clear link between attendance and attainment. Children who have higher levels of attendance achieve better. Even a few days absence can impact on a child's progress.

In 2007, 91 per cent of children with less than six days absence achieved at least five GCSEs. Of the children who had more than twelve days absence, only 36 per cent achieved five GCSEs.

Also in 2007, 84 per cent of children with less than six days absence achieved level 4 or above in English and Mathematics. Of the children with twelve or more days absence, only 52 per cent achieved this level.

At Driffield School we are committed to working with all other East Riding of Yorkshire Schools and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to reduce the number of school days missed due to term time holidays. This agreement has been drawn up and published as a term time holiday policy that all head teachers shall adhere to when considering any parental requests.

Time off school for family holidays is not a right

However, head teachers may authorise term time holidays in specific circumstances but will require evidence.

Circumstance 1:

When parents take their holiday in term time owing to their contractual arrangements e.g. farmers, factory workers, and tourist trade workers;

Evidence:

A letter from the employer stating this is the case.

Circumstance 2:

Where there have been medical or emotional issues involving a child or parent and a health professional has recommended that the family need rehabilitation time;

Evidence:

A letter from the medical professional stating this is their recommendation.

Circumstance 3:

Where emigration is being considered;

Evidence:

Proof of investigation.

Circumstance 4:

Where the family needs to leave the area to attend the ceremony of a relative;

Evidence:

Formal invitation and/or a case put forward to the head teacher.

The head teacher will not under any circumstance authorise holidays:

- In the first six weeks of any academic year;
- Year 6 transition days;
- Year 6 assessment weeks;
- Year 9 options time;
- Any time during years 10 & 11;
- At any time specified by the school (this will be communicated to parents by each school)

Consequences of taking an unauthorised term time holiday

If your request is declined and you take your child out of school for ten unauthorised absence sessions, each parent within your household will be issued with a £50 penalty notice for each child taken out of school. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, it will increase to £100. If after 42 days it remains unpaid, you will be summoned to appear before a Magistrate to explain why your child has unauthorised school absences. A fine of up to £1000 may be imposed.