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Dear Parents / Guardians

RE: HOLIDAYS / ABSENCE DURING TERM-TIME 2018 / 2019

From 1st September 2013, the new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday in term time. It makes clear that Headteachers may not grant any holidays or other absences during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents / Guardians **do not** have the legal right to take their child out of school on holiday during term-time and holidays during term-time can have a detrimental impact on your child's educational achievement.

If holidays are taken during term-time without the school's authorisation, there is the likelihood that you will be issued a **Penalty Notice** by the **School Attendance Improvement Service**. Please note that a Penalty Notice can be issued when there are at least **5 days** unauthorised absence (equivalent to a week's holiday) recorded on your child's register. **The Penalty Notice Fine is £60 per child and £60 per parent / guardian with responsibility for that child.**

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. McGonigle in the first instance.

Yours Faithfully,

I. Walsh

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Head Teacher

CC. School Improvement Service