



Holiday Requests

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding holidays in term time, following further advice to schools from Salford Local Authority. You may be aware that a “landmark case” concerning the Isle of Wight Council and a parent, Jon Platt, was heard in court - the parent arguing that his child had regular attendance. This court case was finalised on 6th April 2017 and the panel of Justices unanimously ruled in favour of the Isle of Wight Council.

Following this ruling, Salford’s attendance officers have informed all schools that they should now continue to unauthorise **all** holiday requests;

“If there is an unauthorised holiday or other period of absence, we no longer have to consider attendance outside the period of complaint when determining whether attendance is regular.”

“From immediate effect, we will revert to the previous process which was to issue all parents with a Penalty Notice where a holiday is taken in term time without permission.”

I wanted to share this information with you so that there is no misunderstandings when requests for holidays are refused. Please note that any penalty fines do NOT come into our school budget, but are paid directly to the Local Authority.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this difficult issue. It is important that we do not let any refusal of holiday requests affect the excellent relationships we have between home and school.

Yours sincerely,

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