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Dear Parents / Carers

Family Holidays during Term Time

We are writing to highlight our policy with regards to taking children out of school during term time for the purpose of a family holiday. The critical time lost in the classroom cannot be made up and this results in disruption to learning for a growing number of pupils.

There are many opportunities for families to take a holiday; either during half term, end of term and especially during the long summer break. Children are only required to attend school for 190 days out of the 365 days in a year.

There is a process in place for parents and carers to request a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances; however, a family holiday is unlikely to be deemed 'exceptional'.

Please be aware that if a leave of absence is not authorised then these absences are likely to be referred to the Education Welfare Officer at the Local Authority and this may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Our Attendance and Punctuality guide can be found on our website:
(<http://www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/AttendanceBook.pdf>).

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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