

# Term Time Holidays



## Attendance Matters At Fordley Primary School

Because of Government Attendance Regulations (2006) I am unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time unless they are under exceptional circumstances.

This is not a school decision, but a decision which has been made for all schools in the country and Fordley Primary School is expected to follow the same guidelines.

On a termly basis, we continue to monitor the impact that taking holidays in term time has had on our school attendance and on the attendance, learning and progress of individual children. There are several instances of children having more than 5 school days off for holidays.

From September 2019, any families where children have **more than 5 unauthorised absences** will receive a fine from North Tyneside Council.

The Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days and £120 per parent, per child if paid after this date. For a family with two children and two parents, the fine could be as much as £240, doubling to £480 after 21 days.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice could result in the Local Authority starting legal proceedings against you for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

As a school we must still be correctly and honestly informed of the reasons for your child's absence, including if this is due to a holiday. Therefore a letter or a completed holiday form is still essential. Copies of the holiday form can be collected from the school office.