



Impact of leave of absence during term time

Dear Parents/Carer,

13 July 2018

Please could I ask that if you are planning on taking your son/daughter out of school during term time that you consider the impact this would have on their learning and progress. Children who return from term time absence miss out on the teaching that their peers have received and will also be unprepared for future lessons, which build on the learning they have missed.

The impact of a student having a 5-day leave of absence equates to missing 25 hours of learning. Both Key Stage 3 and 4 students would miss approximately 4 hours of Maths, 4 hours of English and 4 hours of Science in addition to all the other subjects that they study.

The Department of Education only allows for a Headteacher's discretion to consider any absence/holiday in term time in 'special circumstances'. Very few requests fall into this category and only two such requests have been granted this year. Therefore, holidays taken in term time are classed as an Unauthorised Absence and a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued. Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine for £60 per parent per child, which increases to £120 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days.

We very much appreciate your support in avoiding booking holidays during term time and thus giving your child every opportunity to maximise the progress they make during their time at Co-op Academy Priesthorpe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M Blacoe
Principal