Date: 3rd October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may remember a letter we sent home in June regarding families taking holidays during school time.

During the 2016/17 school year, we lost 310 school days due to this issue, and already since September we have lost 46 school days for this same reason.

We cannot stress enough how much taking holidays during term time has a negative impact on both your child and the rest of their class. Children miss out on vital learning whilst off school, and teachers and support staff have to spend time afterwards helping children to catch up. This additional one-to-one support subsequently takes time away for supporting the rest of the class.

Whilst we have avoided fining our parents in the past, due to the figures above, and the increased number of term time holiday requests we have received, we are now left with no choice but to start issuing fines in certain circumstances.

If your child is a persistent absentee, meaning that their attendance is below 90%, you will now be fined for taking your child/children out of school during term time for holidays.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our families who do try and ensure that their child comes to school every day and we hope that you will continue to support us in this matter.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Foster

Head Teacher