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Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS – ABSENCE (including Family Holidays).

This is an important reminder informing you about recent changes to the legislation regarding authorised absence. Headteachers now may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. **We know that there is a clear link between attendance and children's achievement in school; missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind.**

During the last HMI monitoring visit it was noted that attendance is currently better than that in most schools. It is important that we maintain this good level. Therefore I would like to remind you that family holidays **will not be considered exceptional circumstances** and the guidance from Leicestershire County council is as follows:-

As of 1st September 2013, LCC will issue Penalty Notices where parents choose to take a family holiday during term time and where the Headteacher deems the holiday to fall outside of their definition of 'exceptional circumstances'.

Thank you for your support in this.

Yours sincerely

Mr Steve Garner
Headteacher