

Schools have recently been issued with the following statement about changes that the Government are making to the rules about families taking holidays in school term time:

“Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations and these will come into force on 1 September 2013. The current regulations allow Head Teachers to grant leave of absence for the purposes of a family holiday during term-time in "special circumstances" of up to 10 school days per year. Head Teachers can also grant extended leave for more than 10 school days in exceptional circumstances. Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the 10 day threshold. The amendments make clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. “

In line with this new law, the school will no longer be able to authorise any holidays for pupils during Term Time from the 1st September 2013. Any families taking holidays during the term would have the absences recorded as unauthorised.

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