



What is the hidden cost of your family holiday? Any financial savings should be weighed up against the impact on your child's education.....

- Reasons why you should not take your child out of school in term time:**
- Evidence shows that even small amounts of absence from school can affect your child's progress and attainment.
 - The education of your child could be disrupted both prior to and after any leave, causing them to fall behind and struggling to catch up.
 - For every week of school a child misses, they lose 25 hours of education which can never be regained.
 - Approximately every 6 weeks your child gets a holiday from school, therefore you should use this time to take your child on holiday.
 - If you choose to take your child on holiday in term time without permission, you may be issued with a penalty notice.

- If so, please think carefully...**
- **There is no automatic entitlement to any leave in term time** therefore parents **must** seek school's permission before taking their child out of school.
 - School will **only authorise** the absence if there are **exceptional reasons** for taking the leave in term time.
 - School **will** require parents to fill in a leave request form **prior to booking** any holiday and/or attend a meeting in school.
 - There may be occasions where, even in exceptional circumstances, your child's school may not agree leave, for example during SATs week or important transitional periods.



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taking your
child on
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term time?**