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We recently wrote to all parents to advise that in accordance with Governmental instruction the way that absence from school for holidays during term time is being monitored has changed. Holidays have been unauthorised for some time but from 1st January, 2014, a Fixed Penalty Notice should you decide to take your child away during term time will be applied. This will be administered by the Local Authority in line with all other schools. **Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 places upon parents a duty to ensure that their child receives efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.**

When a child is a registered pupil at a school and the parent fails to ensure that the child's regular attendance at school the parent is liable to be prosecuted for a criminal offence under Section 444 of the Education Act. In cases where this duty is not being fulfilled Section 444B of the same Act empowers the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty of either £60 (payment within 21 days) or £120.00 (payment within 21-28 days). Penalties are issued per child, per period of absence and per parent.

I request permission to take (name of child) _____

out of school from _____ until _____

inclusive because _____

Signed (by parent or guardian) _____ Dated _____

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Permission granted

Permission denied

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Dear Parent

Dated:

Your request to take _____ out of school during term time has on this occasion been granted / declined. If you would like to discuss this further please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

'We grow and learn as a family in the footsteps of Jesus'

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