

ABSENCE

PLEASE THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME.

- There is a clear link between students' achievement and their level of attendance at school. We want your child to achieve the very best they can and for this they need to be in school regularly.
- Parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their children attend school punctually and regularly. From 1 September 2015, the Government reduced the Persistent Absentee threshold from 15% to 10%. This will now class a student with attendance below 90% as a persistent absentee, regardless of whether the school has authorised or unauthorised the absence. This equates to 38 sessions or 19 days of absence across the year.
- To ensure that parents meet their responsibilities the Head Teacher is required to inform the Local Authority if a pupil fails to attend regularly.
- **Any child whose attendance falls below 90 % during a term is considered to be a persistent absentee and will be invited to a School Attendance Meeting to discuss how we can support you in improving your child's attendance and further action required.**

Attendance falls below 90%

"Unsatisfactory"

95 learning hours lost

Attendance falls below 95%

"Cause for Concern"

47.5 learning hours lost

Attendance is 96% – 98%

"Good"

Attendance is 99% - 100%

"Excellent"