



## Royds Hall High School

### REQUEST FOR HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

You should not expect your child to be allowed holidays in term time. Parents do not have a legal right to take children out of school for holidays.

- **It is not true that you are entitled to 10 days extra holiday each year**
- **It is not true that students can 'catch up'. Research shows that by missing lessons, students fall behind, and lessons are NOT repeated at a later date**

Schools are quite within their rights to say that HOLIDAYS IN SCHOOL TERM TIME ARE NOT ALLOWED. Parents who take their children out of school during the school term without the Headteacher's authorisation or beyond an agreed date risk being issued with a penalty notice or taken to court. Please refer to your child's planner for further details.

In addition:

- You risk losing your child's place at school
- You risk your child's future through lost learning and lower achievement
- You risk your child feeling left behind and left out

In special or exceptional circumstances, Headteachers can allow a small amount of time out of school.

Special or exceptional circumstances do **NOT** include:

- Availability of cheaper flights
- Availability of desired/cheaper accommodation
- Poor weather in school holidays
- Overlap with the beginning of the end of term

**If you still feel that you wish to apply to take your child out of school during term time due to exceptional circumstances, please request an 'Absence Request Form' from your child's Head of Community. The form should be received by the Headteacher 4 weeks in advance of the proposed date.**