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Important Information for Parents

Parents are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure their child attends school regularly. There is no automatic right to take a child out of school during term time, but the law allows Head Teachers to consider individual requests to authorise a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher must be satisfied that the exceptional circumstances justify an authorised absence and it is entirely the responsibility of the parent submitting the request to provide sufficient information and evidence in order to establish this fact.

The request for an authorised leave of absence must be made in advance and the Head Teacher may invite the parent into school to discuss the request before a decision is made.

If the circumstances relating to this request are considered exceptional and the absence is authorised by the Head Teacher, the expectation is that the child's attendance will be of a satisfactory level both prior to and after the date covered by the request.

If the request for leave of absence is refused and the absence is recorded as unauthorised, the Head Teacher may refer the matter to the Local Authority requesting a Penalty Notice be issued against you.

A Penalty Notice is £80 if paid within 21 days of receipt, rising to £160 if the notice is paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28 days period, the Local Authority may prosecute for the offence to which the notice applies.

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period, the charge will be at a higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower amount of £80.

A national limit of 2 penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) the Local Authority will investigate legal interventions such as prosecution.

Where there is more than one child, each parent may be issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of each child.

As a parent/carer you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional and unavoidable reason. Research suggests that children who are taken out of school may never catch up on the learning they have missed, which may ultimately affect exam and test results.

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REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME (exceptional circumstances only)

Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006
Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

The 2013 amendments to the 2006 regulations make it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances and that Headteachers should determine the number of school days a student can be away from school if the leave is granted.

Please fill in this digital form, save it and email to: attendance@macademy.org.uk

NAME OF STUDENT		
DATE OF BIRTH		
TUTOR/YEAR GROUP		
ADDRESS		
CONTACT NUMBERS	1.	2.
SIBLING DETAILS (or other children living in the household)		

PARENT/CARER					
I REQUEST PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL BETWEEN:					
FIRST DAY OF ABSENCE		LAST DAY OF ABSENCE		TOTAL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	
PLEASE FULLY EXPLAIN THE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE HEADTEACHER TO CONSIDER.					

Declaration

I have read and understand the information about leave of absence during term time, unauthorised absence, and penalty notices. I am aware of the possible consequences should my child take leave of absence without the prior authorisation of the Headteacher and agree to take my child out of school despite the effects of this leave of absence as outlined below (please tick):

MISSED LESSONS

LESS TIME WITH FRIENDS

FALLING BEHIND

POTENTIALLY LOWERED EXAM GRADES

PARENT/CARER NAME	
PARENT/CARER DATE OF BIRTH	
PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE	
DATE	