



BREDBURY ST. MARK'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

27th April 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Term Time Holidays and Leave Of Absence

I am writing to advise you of a change in the schools policy in relation to holidays in term time and other leave of absence. These changes reflect changes in the law in recent years and are in line with the advice and policies promoted by Stockport Council across all the schools in Stockport.

The legal Position

Schools are now only allowed to authorise leave of absence from school if they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

This means that it is now very unlikely that permission for pupils for leave of absence for holidays will be granted. Schools may also require evidence to be provided before agreeing to authorise any exceptional leave of absence.

Education Penalty Notice

In line with the policy of other schools and Stockport Council, parents should be aware that with effect from **1st May 2022** if holidays or other leave of absence are taken during term time without permission they may be issued with Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority.

Education Penalty Notices are fixed penalty fines of £60 (rising to £120 if unpaid within 21 days) per parent per child by Stockport Council. **School receives no income from these fines.**

Request for Leave of Absence

Parents are strongly requested to take holidays during the school holidays. If you wish to request Leave of Absence for any reason we would ask you to do so in writing to me at least four weeks before the start of the proposed leave.

Yours faithfully,

E. Harding

Mrs Harding