

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR FAMILY HOLIDAY

WHAT THE LAW SAYS:

Schools are regularly audited to ensure that they are following government guidelines and policies. Schools are **not permitted** to authorise holiday requests for the following reasons:

- The availability of cheap holidays or accommodation
- The weather at a particular time of year
- The holiday happens to overlap the start or end of a school term – this is particularly disruptive to your child’s education at the start of the school year in September
- The holiday exceeds 10 school days in length (unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case, please make an appointment to see the Headteacher)

WHAT THE HEADTEACHER WILL DO:

In deciding whether to authorise a request for leave of absence or family holiday, the Headteacher will consider:

1. Your child’s current attendance record
2. The time of the school year
3. Individual reasons for the holiday request

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- The School strongly recommends that you avoid important Test Dates i.e. May and June
- Absence from school can be very disruptive to your child’s education
- It is advisable to give 7 days’ notice in order for your request to be processed by the school office prior to the start of your absence
- We would anticipate that there will be very few requests for leave of absence in term time which will be exceptional and therefore most requests for leave of absence will be declined and therefore marked as unauthorised.

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

- Absence requests for Preschool children will all be authorized
- We just need the information for our records and so we do not try to contact you while you are away to find out where your child is
- Please be aware of the rules above for when your child starts full-time education

Please complete the form overleaf



Braeburn

ABSENCE/HOLIDAY REQUEST – PARENT TO COMPLETE

Name of Child _____ Class _____

First day of absence _____ Last day _____ Total number of days _____

Reason: Please include extra details or attached a letter to explain your **exceptional** circumstances. If your request is due to an employer's restrictions please attach a confirmation letter from your employer explaining exactly why you are unable to take holidays during any of the school holidays.

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

ADMIN CHECK:

Attendance Record % (current Year) _____ Significant events _____

Attendance Record% (previous year) _____ Child DOB (under 5) _____

Number of days previously requested _____ Class trips _____

SIBLINGS: If you have any other children that you are also requesting Leave of Absence for who attend a different school please complete the details so that we can liaise with the school.

Name _____ Class _____

School _____

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HEADTEACHER AUTHORISATION:

Authorised Unauthorised (Reason) _____

Signature of Headteacher _____ Date _____