

Westborough High School



Leave of absence information for parents and carers

Please note that in September 2013, the Government amended the national school attendance regulations, stating that Headteachers **may not grant any leave of absence during term time.**

A pupil's absence can seriously disrupt the continuity of their learning. Not only will they miss valuable learning time but they are also less prepared for lessons upon their return. There is a significant risk of under achievement, which we must try to avoid. A child who has 10 days of holiday each year of their school life will miss 24 weeks of their formal education.

At Westborough High School, we take great pride in ensuring that our students achieve their full potential and we hope that you understand that the Local Authority is required **by law** to issue a penalty notice for the sum of £60.00 per parent, per child if children are taken out of education for a holiday or other leave of absence.

We therefore request that you do not organise any family holidays during term time.

Thank you in advance for your support.