

LEAVE IN TERM TIME POLICY

Montgomery High School are no longer able to authorise the absences as, in line with Government regulations, we no longer sanction holidays taken during term time. The decision to take the holiday is entirely a parent/carer(s) responsibility. Please note that should a pupil be taken on a holiday in term time his/her attendance record will show all of the days absent as unauthorised absence.

Furthermore parents are highly likely to receive a Fixed Penalty Notice. Currently this is a fine of £120 per pupil/ per parent reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. Parents can face prosecution if 28 days have expired and full payment has not been made. We understand that it may be cheaper to take a child on holiday during term time; however parents should be aware that the absence will have a detrimental effect on a child's education due to the amount of learning they will miss.

Please note that for every child the target attendance level at a Fylde Coast Academy Trust School is a minimum of **96%**. If 10 school days are missed in a school year, whether through illness, medical appointments or holiday, this target cannot be achieved. The Pupil Welfare Service at Blackpool Council (who monitor the attendance of pupils in Blackpool schools) may contact the parents of any child whose attendance falls below the required level. Parent/Carer(s) who fail to ensure their child regularly attends school may face prosecution.

Where parents believe there are exceptional circumstances that warrant consideration by the Principal, they should request the leave of absence request form from the academy, or see the policies section of the school website.