



School Absence Statement

It is very important that children attend school every day to ensure good learning takes place.

Consideration is always given to hospital appointments, illness, family bereavement and special circumstances where attendance during the previous year is 98% and over.

We do sympathise but parents are not entitled to take their children of **statutory school age** out of school during term time for a holiday. This is a **government ruling** for all schools.

The governors of this school voted that I should uphold this ruling.

Following the guidance given in the document 'School Attendance Matters', published by Education Walsall, I also have to inform you that this absence will be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence' and may result in the matter being taken up by the Education Welfare Service for them to consider any further action. Unauthorised holidays can result in **fines of £60 per child rising to £120 per child if not paid within 28 days**. This money goes to the authority **not** the school.

Please ensure that holidays are taken during the school holidays.

Mrs A Black
Head Teacher

Mrs G Jones
Chair of Governors