



## Absence in School Time

Recent amendments to the 2006, Pupil Registration Regulations, which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, have removed references to family holidays and extended leave, as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days (authorised at the discretion of the Head Teacher).

The amendment reads:

**Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Head Teachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.**

While leave of absence may be granted for exceptional circumstances during term time, it is entirely at the Head Teachers discretion and is not a parental right.

The Governors at Christ Church CE Junior School support the amendments to the regulations and confirm that the Head Teacher will not grant holidays in school time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All requests for absence should be submitted using the 'Request for Absence' Form available from the school office. Your request will be given due consideration and you will be informed of the decision in writing. Please be advised that you may be required to provide documentary evidence in support of your application.

For further information: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)