



## Holidays in Term Time

Families can take advantage of the advanced notice we give for Inset Days and appreciate that we tag these on to the School Holiday dates set by the Local Authority.

The guidance we are given from the Local Authority is that no holidays during term time can be authorised regardless of the number of days taken. We do look at each request on an individual basis and the attendance of each child is considered before a decision is made about issuing a Fixed Penalty Fine. If your child's attendance is below 95%, a fine will be issued to each family member and both parents/carers.

Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis by Jackie Storey, our Independent Welfare Officer, with Tara Bryant and Mrs Mills. As a school, we have a duty to ensure that all children attend school on a daily basis and when holidays are taken during term time this does disrupt children's education and their school routines.

Thank you for your support.

### A message from Jackie Storey – Independent Welfare Officer

Regular attendance is vitally important for your child's progress and wellbeing – a child with 90% attendance is actually missing half a day of school every single week!

As you may already be aware, Brighton & Hove City Council have again tightened up their Code of Conduct around Fixed Penalty Notice fines for unauthorised absences from school. These fines are £120 per Child per Parent /Carer, and are issued for unauthorised absences including those due to family holidays taken during term time. Please do not book any trips or holidays during term time. Headteachers are under increasing pressure not to authorise any leave of absence at all. Full details can be found on the BHCC website

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/fixed-penalty-notices-fpn>.



On that note, we would like to remind families that there are a wonderful **175 non-school days each year** for family time and trips. Please use these and help us to allow all children to be in school every day. **If your child is having difficulty in attending school for any reason whatsoever, we are available to support and help you, so please do contact us if you would like help and advice. Please contact the Headteacher or the School Inclusion Team if you would like to discuss anything at all related to your child's attendance or punctuality.**

