



Application for exceptional leave during term-time from New Bewerley Community School

Section one: To be completed by parents/carers																			
Child's surname			Child's first name																
Date of birth			Year group																
Parent/carer's name																			
Address																			
Postcode					Telephone number														
Information about the request										Please give reasons for the request for the absence									
										Have you read and understood the school's exceptional leave/attendance policy?						Yes	No		
										What is your child's current attendance?									
										Has your child already taken exceptional leave during term-time this academic year?						Yes	No		
										If your child has had exceptional leave approved during this school year, please state the number of days previously taken.									
										Does your child have any siblings for which you are requesting exceptional leave in other schools?						Yes	No		
										If yes, please state which school/s your other child(ren) attend so that they can be contacted.									
										Please circle 'yes' to confirm that you are aware that unauthorised leave may result in a penalty notice fine.						Yes	No		
Length of absence (school days)				From (date)				To (date)											
Emergency telephone contact in the Leeds district																			
Parent/carer signature																			
Section 2: To be completed by school																			
Is the leave requested during September?						Yes	No												
Would the length of absence cause the pupil to become a persistent absentee (approx. 5 days absent per half term?)						Yes	No												
Would the child's absence exceed 10 days in this school year if taken?						Yes	No												
Is the leave requested during any national testing or examination periods?						Yes	No												
Does the request comply with the school's exceptional leave policy?						Yes	No												
If the child has siblings in another school for which an absence has been requested, has the other school contacted?						Yes	No												
If another school has been contacted, are they in agreement about the decision?						Yes	No												
Has the parent confirmed they understand that if the request is declined, they could receive a fine?				Yes	No	ABSENCE APPROVED		Yes	No										
Signed:						Reasons:													





Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life.

- Children must attend school regularly to achieve their potential.
- Children who miss out on school can feel vulnerable and left behind.
- Family requested absence in term-time is very disruptive and can seriously affect your child's education.
- On average, children who miss 17 or more days in a school year lose one full grade in their GCSEs.
- Unauthorised absence can lead to a fine.

The law

All children between the ages of five and sixteen are required by law to receive an education, and it is the duty of parents and carers to ensure that they do.

By law, parents must ask permission for their child/ren to miss school in advance. If not, they risk being issued with a penalty notice. When a school doesn't give permission, the absence is unauthorised and will be recorded on your child/ren's register.

Our policy

Requests for absence in term-time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Absence in term-time will only be authorised if parents or carers make a request to the school in advance on the appropriate form and can show that there are exceptional circumstances as to why the leave has to be during school time. **The cost, convenience or availability of a holiday will not be considered to be an exceptional circumstance.**

Absence for religious observance may be agreed by the headteacher, but will not exceed two days in any school year.

Parents or carers who repeatedly take their children out of school without permission may be issued with a penalty notice and face possible prosecution in court.

