**REQUEST TO TAKE A CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME**

Absence from school can disrupt your child’s continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away; they are also less well prepared for lessons upon their return.

The Department for Education says ‘*headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstance’.*

Each request will be considered on an individual basis.

I would like to take my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of school

from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the school with an exceptional circumstance for the request:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Authorised/non-authorised by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Head Teacher) Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Current Attendance data

Re: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Child’s Name)

Further to your request for leave of absence.

**Leave of absence authorised** between ................................... and ..........................

Please ensure that your child returns to school promptly following your absence.

**Leave of absence refused**. Any absence from school between ................. and ....................

will be marked as unauthorised. The child’s attendance data will be monitored which could result in a Penalty Notice.

**Reason for refusal:**

Signed (Headteacher): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_