



## Dallimore Primary and Nursery School

### Holidays in term time- GOVERNORS STATEMENT SEPT 22

The Department for Education have issued renewed documentation giving schools advice on how to improve attendance in schools from September 2022.

In consultation with the school governors we would like to issue this updated information for parents/ carers.

It is clear that **Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

**Any leave of absence requests received will be viewed on an individual basis and consideration will be given to the particular circumstances behind each request.**

#### **As a general rule:**

Absence requests will only be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances.

It is likely that you will be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised (If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996).

#### **Additionally, as a general rule, please note:**

- If, at the time of any unauthorised absence being taken, attendance is below 90% then a penalty notice will be issued
- If the period of absence/ holiday is greater than 6 days then a penalty notice will be issued
- If more than one period of absence has been taken in an academic year, and the total is greater than 6 days, then a penalty notice will be issued
- If it is suspected that a holiday has been taken and parents/ carers have not been honest about this (eg have called to say their child is unwell) then a challenge will be made and it is likely that a penalty notice will be issued
- If unauthorised leave is taken and, in the previous academic year a child's attendance was less than 90% or they have been on attendance monitoring, then it is likely that penalty notice will be issued