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Dear Parents/Carers,

Holidays taken in term time cannot be authorised by school – we are not allowed to do that as holidays are not considered an exceptional circumstance.

As a school, we want children to be in class as much as possible so that they learn and maximise their school time. Children have 13 weeks holiday in an academic year and we therefore encourage parents to book holidays during this time where possible.

As a parent myself, I totally understand that this is not always possible due to work or family arrangements such as weddings etc.

In situations such as these, holiday forms are referred to the local authority where penalty notices can be issued of up to £120. This is not just a Stockton Council system and applies across the country. School does not receive any money from fines as the whole process bypasses us and is handled directly by the local authority.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Birtwhistle', written over a white background.

R Birtwhistle  
Head Teacher.



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