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Dear Parents and Carers,

Holidays are a subject that schools receive lots of questions about so I just wanted to clarify a few things.

- Teachers fill in the register on a morning (which is a legal document) and different codes are applied e.g. I for ill and H for holiday. The local authority then pick up on absence and attendance.
- School is not allowed to authorise holidays absences. Any holidays over a few days are the subject of a penalty notice. The fines are taken in by the local authority and school do not receive any of the funding.
- Regardless of where a parent works, or the reason for a holiday, the rules are clear and strict. This is a result of the government's determination for all children to be in school for as much as they can be and school supports that.
- These rules are the same in each school in Stockton and across the country.
- School does not ever want to fine a parent or carer when they are part of our community but get no say, input or final decision in this.
- School's attendance is managed by Education Welfare.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R Birtwhistle".

R Birtwhistle
Head Teacher.



'Staff and Governors are committed to keeping children safe'.