

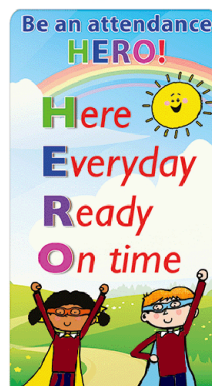
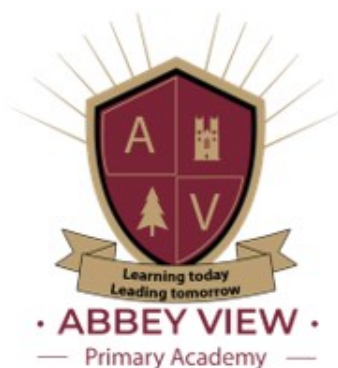
Term -Time Leave of Absence

Changes in the law mean that Principals can no longer grant leave of absence in term -time unless there are exceptional circumstances for the absence. The following reasons are NOT considered as exceptional:

- Holidays taken in term time due to lower costs, parental work commitments or once in a life time experiences.
- Holidays abroad for the purpose of visiting a sick relative
- Holidays booked as a surprise by relatives

Parents of children who have regular unauthorised absences or who take their children on holiday during term time may receive a penalty notice and a fine of £60 per parent per child. If this is not paid within 28 days the fine rises to £120.

If no payment is made you could face court action. Code of conduct for issuing of Penalty Notices Revised September 2013 in accordance with The Education (Penalty Notices) (ENGLAND)



Attendance Matters. . .

Children who attend school every day make better progress and achieve more than those who miss time at school.

The Education Act of 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that all children between the ages of 5-16 years attend school on a regular basis AND on time. Failure to do this may end up in YOU being fined and taken to court.

Lateness Adds up! Being 15 mins late every day will add up to TWO WEEKS of school missed every year!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school and talk to admin who can provide support.

Good school attendance enables children to feel confident and happy about the school work and activities that they participate in. As a parent you can support your child to enjoy school

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Missing days of School adds up. . .

As a parent it is your responsibility Learning missed in a school year to let the school know if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the academy on the first day of an absence on **01494 939830**.

Messages can be left 24hrs a day. Failure to contact the academy causes a lot of work for the office and can result in a home visit or social services being contacted.

Time missed at school can lead to gaps in knowledge that become difficult to fill

Did you know? If your child's attendance is **80%**, this means your child is absent:

- 1 day **EVERY** week
- 6 days **EVERY** half term
- 12 days **EVERY** term
- 36 days **EVERY** year
- 180 days in five years. That's nearly **ONE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**