

15th July 2024

Dear Chiltern Families,

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better well-being and school performance.

We want to make all our parents aware of the Department for Education (DFE) new attendance legislation that will come into effect from August 2024 regarding term time holidays and unauthorised absences in school.

The fine for term-time holidays will be issued per parent, per child of £80 (if paid within 21 days) or £160 (if paid within 28 days).

- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- If a parent receives two fines in a 3 year period, prosecution will be considered, resulting in a fine of up to £2,500.
- If your child's attendance is below 90% and they are absent from school for five days or more then prosecution will be as above.

If any of our parents/ carers feel that they need help or advice with their child's school attendance then please speak with Mrs Lundie, Mrs Greig or Miss Holt and they will support you as required.

Yours sincerely,

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