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Dear Parents

## IMPROVING ATTENDANCE- HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Please note that The Department for Education (DfE) has announced important amendments to legislation surrounding holidays in term time.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, **the new law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time**. Any applications for leave of absence must be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.

St Vincent's school, fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays however, there is an expectation that all schools in Warrington introduce firm policies and stringent checks to ensure that there is a significant reduction in the number of absence during term time.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school to thank you for your full support in this matter by not taking your child out of school during term time.

Yours sincerely

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