



### Holidays in term time

You have to get permission if you want to take your child on holiday during term time. You can only do this if:

- an application is made to the head teacher in advance of the holiday by a parent the child normally lives with
- there are special reasons for needing to take the holiday, e.g. if your holiday leave isn't flexible

Applications should be made as far in advance of the holiday as possible - and it's the school's decision, not a parental right.

## WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### (GCSE percentages)

- Of pupils who miss more than **50%** of school, only **3%** manage to achieve five A\* to Cs including English and Maths.
- Of pupils who miss between **10%** and **20%** of school, only **35%** manage to achieve five A\* to Cs including English and Maths.
- Of pupils who miss less than **5%** of school, **73%** achieve five A\* to Cs including English and Maths.

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Note: more information on school attendance can be found on:

<http://www.education.gov.uk>