

## **Request for absence in exceptional circumstances**

**3 October 2013**

### Government changes to regulations regarding holidays in term time

Dear Parent/Carer

Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations in the (Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Amendment regulations 2013. These amendments, as described below come in to force on 1st September 2013.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holidays and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. The amendments make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during the term time unless they are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. The other periods of time will be marked as unauthorised from school.

Yours sincerely