

What are exceptional circumstances?

It is the decision of the head teacher as to what might constitute exceptional circumstances and each request for term-time leave will be considered on an individual basis. An exceptional circumstance may be

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- The holiday may be important for family relationships following a serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic event or situation.
- Evidence is provided by an employer that leave cannot be taken during school holidays without a significant consequence.
- Forces personnel on leave from a foreign posting.

The head teacher will also look very carefully at the child's attendance record and should they have any concerns... if attendance is less than 95%, it is highly unlikely that the head teacher will agree to any further absence.

From September 2013 amendments have been made to Government legislation. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Amendment) Regulations 2013 make clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

How school will deal with holiday requests during term-time ...

School policy discourages parents and carers from arranging holidays during school term-time and will, as a rule, state term-time holidays will not be granted unless in exceptional circumstances which might justify it.