



## North Ridge Community School

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### Holiday in School Term Requests

Dear Parents/Carers

It is the time of year again, where families are looking towards booking, or going on their next Summer Holiday, and we are beginning to receive your forms making the request to take your young person out of school during term time.

Since September 2013, legislation concerning term-time holidays has changed. North Ridge Community School refer to Government Guidance - Working Together to Improve School Attendance 2023.

Previously, schools could grant leave for family holidays of up to 10 days per year, and of over 10 days in 'exceptional circumstances', at the head teacher's discretion.

Now, however, head teachers cannot grant any authorised absence during term-time, unless in exceptional circumstances. Those circumstances are up to the head, but essentially, **term-time holidays will no longer be authorised.**

The exceptional circumstances we will grant a term-time holiday, is if the holiday has been sourced and offered by a Charity, who will have restricted availability during the year.

Although we understand the reasons for many of our young people going on a holiday during quieter times of the year, we will not be able to authorise the absence, but will support you to plan and approach your holiday to make it a good family experience.

The National Autistic Society offers support and information and a guide on how to prepare your child for your holiday and get the support you need on the journey and at your destination.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/holidays/parents>

Thank you for your continued ongoing support and understanding.

S MacDonald

Headteacher

