



## Hunslet Carr Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to clarify any confusion around holidays during school time that may have arisen since the highly publicised court case on the Isle of Man.

Since the case was reported in the news, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of families wishing to take their child on holiday during term time.

We want to clarify that this court case was a very specific case and that Leeds City Council, of which Hunslet Carr is a member, is still NOT authorising term time holidays and parents who choose to take them are still liable to a fine from the local authority. This fine is currently **£60 per pupil of legal school age** and charged to **all parents with responsibility for that child**. This fine will double if not paid within 21 days.

**For example, a family with two parents and two children who go on holiday during term time will be charged £60 per child, and this will be for both parents - £240 in total. The fine will double to £480 if not paid within 21 days.**

Some families in Leeds have tried to avoid the fines by saying their children were ill for the week. For this reason, schools in Leeds now need medical evidence to support any absence that lasts longer than four days, for example, an appointment card from the doctor or hospital or dated medical prescription.

School begins at **8.50am** prompt and pupils are expected to be on the playground at **8.45am** ready to be collected by their teachers as soon as the bell is rung. Children arriving after the doors close at 8.50am will receive a **late mark** in the register. The registers close at **9.30am** and any pupil arriving after this time will be **marked absent**, unless there are exceptional circumstances or proof of a medical appointment.

As we have stressed previously, every minute of your child's attendance matters towards their success in school. Unfortunately, some children are still being brought to school late several times a week. Arriving late is having a detrimental effect upon their education. If your child is late twice in one week, please expect your child's teacher to speak to you. If this continues then your child's head of year will speak to you, then the deputy and finally the Headteacher.

We would like to thank all our parents and pupils who bring their children to school on time every day, for helping us maintain the improved attendance at Hunslet Carr.

Kind Regards  
Mr Martin Lumb  
Head Teacher

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