

Holidays in Term-Time

Parents should only ever take family holidays during statutory school holiday periods.

At Riverside family holidays in term-time are actively discouraged with an annual message to parents. This is because it is unfair for students to miss out on the specialist education provided for them on every school day throughout the year.

Parents can be fined for taking such family holidays without the permission of the headteacher.

Although headteachers retain the discretion to grant leave, they can only do so in very exceptional circumstances. If the headteacher grants a leave request, it will be because there are exceptional circumstances involved.

If granted, the Headteacher will determine the length of time that the student can be away from school, weighing up such factors as any previous requests.

Parents are given a calendar of school attendance dates at the start of every school year – this can also be found on the school's website.

See below for the application form that should be completed in the unusual event of a request to take a student out of school in term time.
