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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, Kempston schools are concerned about the impact holidays in term-time have on children's achievement. As a result of this, they have produced a common policy that we hope will address this.

All Kempston schools have been given a Government target of 95% attendance for all students. We are striving hard to achieve this and need the support of you, our parents.

Statistics show that if a child is taken out of school for holidays, coupled with absence as a result of illness, students levels of attainment are seriously impaired, resulting in them not achieving their full potential. Over time, this can have an effect upon the GCSE results achieved in Year 11.

We understand that some parents will be unhappy about the implementation of this policy, however, it is necessary if educational standards are to be raised across the Kempston Schools.

If you still decide to request a holiday during term time, the school will only consider this under 'exceptional circumstances'. Please state your 'exceptional circumstances' on the Holiday Application Form. You may be asked to provide additional proof of these 'exceptional circumstances'

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Evans
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