



To work together to ensure all learners aspire & achieve their full potential.

Information for Parents/Carers: Chesil Statement regarding absence in term-time

It is essential that children and young people form good habits of regular attendance at school from an early age and that good attendance is maintained throughout their school career. The schools in the Chesil Education Partnership are committed to working together to ensure that there is a consistent approach to school attendance. It is a legal requirement that all children should attend their educational provision and it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that their children attend school.

Mainstream schools within the Chesil Education Partnership have agreed the following:

- From September 2015 no requests for a 'Leave of Absence' during term time will be granted, except in exceptional circumstances.

We are therefore informing parents/carers that, should you wish to take your child out of school for any leave of absence, holidays or otherwise, requests made from September 2015 will not be routinely granted. Any absence which has not been authorised by your child's school will be recorded as 'unauthorised' and this has the potential to impact on your child's overall absence figure. A Fixed Penalty Notice for £60 will be issued to each parent when a child is recorded as having had 10 half day unauthorised absences. Non-payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice within 21 days will result in the fine doubling to £120. A criminal prosecution can be commenced if a fine remains unpaid after 28 days.

The Chesil Education Partnership is committed to ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to thrive and achieve and recognises that good attendance is central to this. All schools, colleges and academies within the partnership will be applying this protocol from September 2015.

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school or college regularly.



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