



## “Think Before You Book: Holidays in Term Time = Fines”

### Information for Parents

Holidays taken during term time **cannot** be authorised. The law gives **no entitlement** to parents to take their child on holiday during term time.

Any application for leave must only be made in **truly exceptional circumstances**, and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave. Please be aware that Liverpool City Council do not classify **any** holiday requests as exceptional and as a result, **holidays taken in term time will not be authorised.**

Parents who choose to take their child on holiday during term time **will** receive a fine from the local council.

### Holiday Fines

Please be aware that fines are issued **to each parent for each child** in the family. *For example, a two-parent family with one child taking their first holiday in term time. Each parent will be fined £80.00 bringing the total fine to £160.00, if paid within 21 days and £320.00 if paid in 28 days.*

Holiday	Condition	Fine Per Parent/Per Child
1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday	If paid in 21 days	£80.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday	If paid in 28 days	£160.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Holiday	No option for reduction in cost.	£160.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Holiday (taken within a 3-year period)	No fine will be issued - further action will be taken by <b>Local Authority</b> including <b>prosecution.</b>	

**This Legislation came into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

And therefore, if you took your child on a holiday during term time in the academic year 2024-2025 and then had a further holiday this academic year 2025-2026 and have been issued with two fines already, **any further holidays will trigger further action by the Local Authority, including prosecution.**

At St Anne (Stanley) C of E Primary School, this is not something we wish to happen for any of our families but as a school we are required to follow Liverpool City Council’s policies and procedures around attendance.

To avoid this situation arising we ask that you **“think before you book!”**

Further information around attendance can be found on Liverpool City Council’s website by accessing the QR code below:

