



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

An Academy School within The Catholic Academy Trust in South Hampshire



Request to authorise absence from school due to exceptional circumstances

Schools are only able to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school, you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional.

Please note: A holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation are not considered exceptional circumstances. If you take your child out of school without permission, the absence will be unauthorised and we will consider legal action.

All requests for leave of absence should be made in advance and before any arrangements are confirmed or money committed. Failure to make a request for a leave of absence in advance will result in the absence taken being recorded as unauthorised.

I have read the above information and wish to apply for Leave of Absence from school for:

Child's Full Name:	Date of Birth:	Class:

Parent Details (please list all parents)

First Name:		Surname:	
Date of Birth:		Relationship to the child:	
Address and postcode:			
Telephone number:			
First Name:		Surname:	
Date of Birth:		Relationship to the child:	
Address and postcode:			
Telephone number:			

Siblings: Please provide the name of any siblings and the school that they attend

Child's Full Name:	Date of Birth:	School:

Details of the absence

Date of First day of absence:		Date of last day of absence:	
Total Number of days absent:		Expected date of return to school:	

Please provide the reason for this request including supporting evidence:

This should include why you are applying for an authorised absence and the **circumstances** which make your **application exceptional**, for example why the leave cannot be taken within the normal 13 weeks holiday your child has from school. If you are requesting authorisation to attend a specific event, please confirm the date of the event and explain your travel arrangements.

Continuation of explanation for the requested leave of absence:

Please read the following statement and sign to indicate you understand the this:

I would like to request the above absence. I understand that the school strongly advises against taking unnecessary absence during term time and accept that this may have a detrimental impact on my child/ren's progress. I understand that a penalty notice may be issued if this request is denied and my child is absent during this period. I understand that a fine will be payable per child, per parent of £160 if paid within 28 days but reduced to £80 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days.

Signed:		Full name:		Date:	
Signed:		Full name:		Date:	

Important Information for Parents

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (amended in September 2013) make it clear that Headteachers cannot grant any leave of absence during term time unless 'exceptional circumstances' exist.

We expect every pupil's attendance at school to be 100% unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence. Parents do not have any legal entitlement to take their child on holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation during term time. It is the Headteacher who decides whether a period of leave during term time will be authorised or not in line with legislation. Every request for leave of absence during term time will reviewed on an individual basis with due consideration of the circumstances but the Headteacher can only grant leave of absence if they consider exceptional circumstances apply. If the exceptional circumstances are agreed, the Headteacher will determine the length of the absence to be authorised.

To be completed by the school:			
Date request received by the school:		Total number of days requested:	
Child's Name:	Current % Attendance	Application Authorised or Declined?	
Reason for school's decision:			
Headteacher:			
Signed:		Date:	