



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

Information for Parents:

Holidays taken during term time will not 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 in exceptional circumstances, and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and warrant the granting of leave. Please be aware that Liverpool City Council do not classify holiday requests as exceptional and as a result no holiday will be authorised.

Parents who choose to take their child on holiday during term time will receive a fine from the 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 within 28 days.

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

Please be aware that the legislation came into effect from 19th August 2024.

If you took your child on a holiday during term time in the academic year 2024-2025 and then have had a further holiday this academic year 2025-2026 and have been issued with two fines already. **Any further Holidays taken would trigger further action by the Local Authority including prosecution.**

At Northcote, this is not something we wish to occur for any of our families as we recognise the importance of family time. However, as a school we are required to follow Liverpool City Council's 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:

