

# ST. ALOYSIUS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**School Motto**  
Be ambitious for the higher gifts.



Monday, 22 July 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Subject: Term-time Holidays**

Important changes have been made to the legislation governing the granting of leave during term-time.

Amendments have been made to the 2006 regulations in the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013. These amendments, as described below, will come into force on 1 September 2013.

**Term-time holiday**

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 currently allow Headteachers to grant leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term time in “special circumstances” of up to ten school days leave per year. Headteachers can also grant extended leave for more than ten school days in exceptional circumstances.

Amendments to the 2006 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days. The amendments make clear that Headteachers **may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted. If a request is denied and the child is absent during this period the absences will be unauthorised.

You must contact the school office if you are planning to apply for leave of absence during term time and complete the appropriate request form.

Kind Regards,

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