



Church Hill Infant School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Term Dates and Family Holidays During Term-Time

Please see attached the term dates for the next three academic years. These dates have been agreed by all the schools within the Bradgate Education Partnership; however please be aware that some dates do differ to the Leicestershire County Council published dates.

An increasing amount of pupil absences each year is caused by taking holidays during term-time. Absence from school disrupts continuity of learning, undermines the educational progress and can lead to underachievement and low attainment.

Please be advised that parents do not have the right to leave of absence for holidays in term time; permission is granted at the discretion of the Headteacher and Governing Body of the school. All parental requests for leave during term time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances – and holiday would not normally constitute exceptional circumstance. No leave will be granted during September when children are settling into their new classes and requests will be refused if your child already has a poor record of attendance. No leave will be granted to Year 2 during May when they will be undertaking their statutory assessments.

We do understand the difficulties families face around this issue but the education of your child has to be our prime concern and we ask for your cooperation in this matter. However, if you do feel you need to request leave for your child, please collect an "Exceptional Leave Request Form" from the school office, at least two weeks in advance if possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Balsara
Head Teacher

