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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, in accordance with government guidelines, we are unable to authorise any request for children to miss school due to holidays or extended leave. Once your leave of absence form is completed, and the request is submitted, a decision whether or not to issue a penalty notice will be made. Families may be fined £60 per parent, per child, as a result of children missing education.

One of the main reasons children have poor attendance is due to extended holidays taken during term time.

Last year, 760 days of education were lost at Wingrove, and so far this year, since September 2015, 98 days have been missed.

Our target for attendance this year is 95%. We must work hard to achieve our goal.

“Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school”. Department of Education November 2013.

Please think wisely when booking to go away and try not to take trips during term time. School is only open to children 190 days each year.

Whilst we appreciate that there may be an additional cost of travelling in the school holidays, we are all legally bound to ensure children receive the best education.

Every day counts.

Yours faithfully

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