



## EDUCATION SOCIAL WORK SERVICE

### Information for Parents

## Holidays in Term-Time



### FAMILY HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

In term time, parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw pupils for holidays.

Each request for holiday absence will be considered individually, and will only be granted at the discretion of the Head Teacher, under exceptional circumstances

Schools will take into account:

- Age of the child
- The time of year proposed for the trip
- The nature of the trip
- The overall attendance pattern of the pupil

Where a school does not grant a holiday request and the child still takes a holiday, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

If children are kept away from school for a period longer than that agreed with the school, any extra time will also be recorded as unauthorised.

If you are considering taking your child on a holiday during term-time, ask your child's school for a request form and remember:

- Holidays should not be taken during school term time.
- You should not expect your child's school to approve a family holiday during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- It is not appropriate to take your child on holiday at a time when he or she should be taking exams or tests.
- The Headteacher will carefully consider your request and will take your child's attendance record into account.

For advice contact your child's school or Education Social Worker (ESW) / Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

Each school in Conwy has an allocated ESW / EWO who monitors the progress and attendance of pupils.

The ESW / EWO can be contacted either through your child's school or :  
The Education Social Work Service,  
Education Services,  
Government Buildings,  
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