



Ravenscote Junior School

Old Bisley Road • Frimley • Camberley • Surrey • GU16 9RE
Email: info@ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk • www.ravenscote.surrey.sch.uk
Telephone: (01276) 709007



Wednesday 11th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Holidays During Term Time

As we are now well and truly into the new school year I feel that this is a good time to reflect on what makes a positive difference.

Your child's attendance at school is a key component to their success. Teachers plan sequences of lessons, where what may only seem like a missed day or hour, may mean that your child missed out on key input which in turn impact their learning for the series of lessons.

Often the number of days that students are absent from school can accumulate without a parent realising how many days are missed.

Key reminders:

- Term time holidays are not authorised.
- Where possible, any appointment should be outside school hours.

Holidays are expected to be taken during the **14 weeks school holidays**. Any holidays taken during school time may be subject to a penalty notices from Surrey County Council.

Unauthorised holidays in term time

In accordance with the school's attendance policy it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children attend school regularly. Unauthorised absences during term could result in the issuing of a penalty notice. Each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child. Days do NOT have to be consecutive. If holidays are taken at different times throughout the school year calendar or rolling 12 week period and the number of days off total 5 days or more, a penalty notice may be issued. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 per parent, per child, if paid within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local authority must prosecute the parent/carer for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Amy Wells
Headteacher

Attendance Matters / Commitment Matters

Something to think about.....

There are 190 learning days each school year.

95% attendance = 9.5 school days missed each school year.
95% attendance = 34 junior school days missed.

90% attendance = 19 school days of lost learning each school year
90% attendance = 76 junior school days missed.
90% attendance = Over 15 junior school weeks missed.

80% attendance = 37 school days missed each school year.
80% attendance = 152 junior school days missed.

80% attendance = 31 weeks of school missed during your child's
time at junior school =
Over 2 full terms of lost learning!
More than 155 English and maths lessons missed!

You can't have your
cake and eat it!



75% attendance over 4 years
in junior school means 1 year's
education lost.
Which year can you afford
to lose?

The more time
spent in school, the
better your child's
attainment.

Attendance at Ravenscote is excellent.

Please help us maintain this. Thank you

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 185 days.
That leaves 180 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays,
shopping and appointments.

No absence	9.25 days absence	11 days absence	18.5 days absence	27.75 days absence	37 days absence
180 days of education	171 days of education	174 days of education	166.5 days of education	157 days of education	148 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Excellent	Very Good	Worrying		Serious Concern	

Our attendance is generally very good,
usually over 96%, and we are very proud of this.
Please help us to maintain this.

* Your child should be aiming for 100%.
* If your child is not in school we cannot teach them.
* Your child should aim to attend school every day.

