

Requests from parents for leave during the term for holidays

Agreed by the Education Legal Department in June 2014.

The local authority fully supports the national campaign to increase school attendance, recognising the essential link between attendance and attainment. From the attendance data so far, it is already clear that the strategy, which is to actively encourage parents not to go on holiday during the term, has led to a significant improvement in school attendance across the board in the City and County of Swansea.

Therefore, the local authority intends to continue this strategy as part of its campaign to increase school attendance. Although individual applications will be considered, the head teacher will not allow absence due to holidays during the term, except in exceptional circumstances. This means that absence due to pupils' holidays during the term will be recorded as an absence without permission.