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Term time holidays.

Dear Parents and Carers

You will already be aware that Rushden Primary Academy monitors the attendance of all children, with an expectation that all children should have an attendance of 96% or above.

Monitoring of attendance is a legal requirement and all schools and academies are required to follow procedures set out by the local authority.

Many of you are likely to have seen the various news reports over recent months, regarding holidays taken in term time. As a result of the Supreme Court ruling following this, schools and academies have now been instructed that they must report all term time holiday absence of 5 days (10 sessions), or more, dating back to April 1st 2017.

This will mean that our academy will now have to make a referral to Educational Inclusion and Partnerships (EIP) Team, if your child is absent for ten, or more, consecutive school sessions (a session is half a day).

It seems that previous good attendance will not be taken into account and fines of $\pounds 60$ per parent/carer, per child, will be issued.

Should you wish to find out more about this, please contact EIP via the Parent/Carer contact form on the County Council website at:

http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/EducationandLearning/Parents/P ages/Education-Entitlement-Service.aspx

Regards

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