



16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

**Penalty Notice fines for Term Time Holidays (or leave of absence)**

Following the Isle of Wight v Platt case in 2016, penalty notices for leave in term time were suspended until a decision was made by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court overturned the decision made by the High Court recently so the **Education Welfare Service will be reinstating the issue of fines for holidays in term time.**

Therefore, Middleton Technology School will be issuing referrals for holiday penalty notices **from the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 which is in line with the Local Authority guidelines.**

Please be aware that **unauthorised leave for 10 sessions (5 school days) or more will qualify for a fine.** No warning will be issued from the Local Authority because all Middleton Technology School parents will have been informed via the school website, e-mail home and the Headteacher's end of year letter.

A holiday in term time can be requested and could be approved by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances, however, **'Exceptional circumstances' can be described as rare, significant, unavoidable, short and that the leave/absences could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.**

If you need further information or details about these fines, please ring the Education Welfare Service on 01706 925115.

Yours Faithfully



Miss J Kellett