

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 was 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 19th 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 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 and 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.

Please refer to the 'Letters' section of the school website to view the original letter emailed/posted home on the 16th June 2017 regarding these changes.