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## **Legal Action taken for Poor attendance & Holidays taken in term time 2023**

Firstly, we would like to thank those parents/carers who are ensuring their children are attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity. **It is with regret that we have taken *legal action* against 20 families this year whereby fines have been imposed. In some cases, parents have been taken to Birmingham Magistrates Court. And fines imposed with court costs. One family have been fined in excess of £2,500, another £1,047 and a further family fined £741.00.**

Please can we remind you:

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- ***do not achieve well in exams***
- ***find it difficult to maintain friendships***
- ***are more likely to become involved in crime***
- ***miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work***

**Under the Education Act (1996) – Section 444 a penalty notice can be issued**

It is not our desire to bring legal proceedings to bear. If you would like any support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nolan or your child's Head of Year.

Holiday in term time will not be authorised and can lead to fines and court action being taken.

We are sure you will support us in ensuring your child(ren) attends school every day that school is open.

Thank you.

Headteacher: Mr D. McGarvey