Shropshire Council

St Mary's CE Primary School

Request for Pupil Leave of Absence in Term Time in Exceptional Circumstances

Headteachers can only authorise any absence when an application has been made in advance by the parent/carer with whom the child is normally resident and it is felt to be for an exceptional circumstance. An annual family holiday would not be deemed an exceptional circumstance.

Full name of child(ren) _____

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Address: _____

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Reason for application and dates _____

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Parent's forename _____ Surname _____

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Signature of parent(s)/carer(s) _____ Date: _____

The headteacher may take into account:

- It is highly unlikely that the event will occur again in a child's school life.
- It is necessary for the child to be in attendance at the event.
- The event ***cannot*** be organised outside of the school term.
- Taking part in the event will be of greater value to the child than attending school.

Office use only ……..

☐ Authorised ☐ Unauthorised

Signed …… ……(headteacher) Date: ……

WARNING

If this requested period of absence has not been authorised, details will be passed to Shropshire Council's Education Access Service. The Council may, in the following circumstances, issue a formal Warning, serve a Fixed Penalty Notice or take court action in respect of non-school attendance for this and any future unauthorised absence:

- **Parents have not sought permission from the headteacher before taking their child out of school for a holiday in term time**
- **The headteacher has refused the request but the absence occurs anyway; or**
- **A pupil has not returned to school by the agreed date with no satisfactory explanation**