

Parental request for term-time absence for holidays.

Agreed by Education legal department June 2014.

The Local Authority is fully supportive of the national drive to raise school attendance, recognising the crucial link between attendance and attainment. It is already clear from attendance data to date that the strategy of actively discouraging the taking of holidays in term time has resulted in a significant improvement in attendance across schools in the City and County of Swansea.

The Local Authority therefore intends to pursue this strategy as part of its drive to raise school attendance. Whilst individual requests will be considered, no absences due to holidays during term times will be authorised by the Headteacher, other than in exceptional circumstances. This means absences due to pupils being taken on holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised.'