

**Request to authorise absence from school due to exceptional circumstances**



Schools are only able to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional. **Please note:** There is no general right to authorise absence for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised.

**Section A** – to the headteacher, I wish to apply for

Child(ren)'s name:

Class(es):

To be authorised as absent from school (please include dates and time):

If your child has siblings at another school that are also applying for a leave of absence please enter their name and school below:

Child's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ School(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B** Please explain why you are applying for an authorised absence and the **circumstances** which make your **application exceptional**; and therefore the leave cannot be taken within the normal 13 weeks holiday your child has from school. If you are requesting authorisation to attend a specific event please confirm the date of the event and explain your travel arrangements. If you require additional space please continue on the other side of the page.

**Continuation of section B (if required):**

**Section C** I am the parent/carer with whom the pupil normally resides. The information I have given on this form is correct.

Signature (parent/carer): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 have been amended (as of 1 September 2013) to prohibit the proprietor (headteacher) of a state funded school granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

**Section D – for school use only.** Tick below as appropriate.

- Request approved for \_\_\_\_ number of days from the dates and times: \_\_\_\_\_
  - A personal discussion with you is requested. Please contact: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Request not approved as the circumstances are not considered to constitute an exceptional reason and/or the impact of this absence will affect your child's educational progress.
- Current attendance rate:

Headteacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_