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13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Re: Academic Year 2018-19**

Dear Parent,

The Academy has recently confirmed the term dates for the academic year **2018-19** to aid parents with long term planning for holidays outside of term time.

The key arrangements are as follows:

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018	First day of the Autumn Term
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Final day of the Autumn Term
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	First day of the Spring Term
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Final day of the Summer Term

The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibit me from granting leave of absence to a pupil, except where an application has been made in advance, and I consider that there are 'exceptional circumstances' relating to the application. If you wish for me to consider an application, please complete a [Term Time Holiday Application](#) and e-mail it to Mr. M. Cartlidge [MCartlidge@eastwood.southend.sch.uk](mailto:MCartlidge@eastwood.southend.sch.uk)

Please note that if the absence is not authorised, and the holiday is taken, the case will be referred to the Child and Family Early Intervention Team who may issue a Penalty Notice of £120 (or £60 if paid within 21 days) to each parent for each child taken out of school.

I would also like to draw your attention to a recent high profile case which details the wider financial implications of unauthorised holidays <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/04/06/term-time-holidays-supreme-court-rule-parents-can-legally-take/>

Yours sincerely,

Mr. N. Houchen  
Principal