

Maiden Erlegh School
REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



This form is to be completed and forwarded to **the Attendance Officer**.

*(Please note a **minimum notice of fifteen school days** is required otherwise requests may well be declined.)*

Term Time Holidays

Following a change in the law in September 2013, schools can no longer authorise any leave during term unless it is for 'exceptional circumstances'. Any application for 'leave of absence' must be made at least 15 school days **before** the holiday commences and the decision to authorise such an absence remains entirely with the school and is not a right.

Maiden Erlegh School does not expect any parents to request leave of absence for students to take a family holiday during the school term unless there are really **exceptional circumstances**.

If parents remove students from school for long visits overseas, the school may seek to remove the student concerned from the roll of the school, in consultation with the Education Welfare Officer.

Retrospective requests for leave of absence will not be granted and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please note:

- Any requests received for absences that are scheduled to take place during any school or public examination period or during a controlled assessment will be declined.
- The local authority may choose to issue a fixed penalty notice to any parent who opts to take their child out of school for 5 or more days during term time without consent from the school. The initial fine is currently £60 which is doubled to £120 if it is not paid after 21 days. Any further non-payment will result in court proceedings.
- Previous excellent attendance does not necessarily entitle a student the right to a leave of absence

