

Holidays in term time

St Boniface's College does not support holidays taken during term time.

Holidays in term time are not a universal entitlement. They are only granted at the discretion of the Headteacher and only in exceptional circumstances.

Amendments to the 2016 regulations remove references to family holiday and extended leave as well as the statutory threshold of ten school days.

The amendments make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers should determine the number of school days a student can be away from the school if the leave is granted.

Parents who take their child out of school for a holiday without authorisation could receive a Penalty Notice.

Exceptional circumstances would include:

- When a parent in the armed forces returns from deployment.
- When the holiday is related to bereavement or serious/terminal illness of a family member.