

**SHILBOTTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - DURING TERM TIME**

Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 Education (Pupil  
Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

The 2013 amendments to the 2006 regulations explain clearly that Head Teachers *may* not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Head Teachers also determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

<b>Name of pupil</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Year group</b>	
<b>Contact Numbers</b>	
<b>Name of sibling/s and school attended</b>	

I request permission for my child to be granted leave of absence from school between:-

<b>First Day/Date of Absence</b>	
<b>Last Day/Date of Absence</b>	
<b>My child will return on</b>	
<b>Total school days my child will miss their education.</b>	

Please fully explain the **exceptional circumstances** relating to the leave of absence you would like the Head Teacher to consider. *(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).*

Any documentation supporting exceptional circumstances **MUST** be provided at the time of application, which should be at least two weeks prior to the absence.

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## **Declaration**

If the Head Teacher authorises the Leave of Absence it is expected that the child's attendance will be of a satisfactory level (minimum 96%) both prior and after the date covered by the request.

If the Head Teacher refuses Leave of Absence and the absence is recorded as unauthorised the Head Teacher may refer the matter to the Local Authority requesting that a Penalty Notice be issued. This is the Head Teachers decision.

A Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28 day period the Local Authority may prosecute for the offence to which the notice applies. Each parent/carer may be issued with a separate Penalty Notice in respect of each child.

Research suggests that children who are absent from School may never catch up on the learning they have missed which could ultimately affect exam and test results throughout their schooling. As a parent/carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional and unavoidable reason.

**I have read and understood the information regarding leave of absence during term time, unauthorised absence. Penalty Notices and prosecution. I am aware of the possible consequences should I take my child on leave of absence without prior authorisation of the Head Teacher.**

Name of Parent authorising the request	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Signature / Date	

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## **Important Information for Parents/Carers**

Under The Education Act {1996} requires parents to ensure their child attends school regularly. There is no automatic right to take your child out of school during term time. The Law does however allow Head Teachers to consider individual requests to authorise a Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstance (s)

The Head Teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances to justify an authorised absence. It is the parent's responsibility when submitting the request to provide all the information and evidence to prove exceptional circumstances.

The request for authorised Leave of Absence must be made, at least two weeks in advance and the Head Teacher may invite the parent/carer(s) into school to discuss the request.