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Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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Dear Parent,

## Fixed Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holidays

Following the outcome of the Isle of Wight v Platt court case the Local Authority suspended the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices for the Summer Term 2017.

This letter is to remind parents/carers that from September 2017, unless there are any exceptional circumstances, the Local Authority will be resuming the issuing of FPN's for any unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive school days (10 sessions) or more during term time.

Should an unauthorised absence take place the school will inform the Local Authority and a Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

The law stipulates that the current penalties payable by parents/carers are £60 when the penalty is paid within 21 days, increasing to £120 when the penalty is paid within the next 7 days (giving a total of 28 days to pay). This penalty is per parent/carer per child for the duration of the absence.

If the Fixed Penalty is not paid you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on 01244 976175 or by email [FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:FPNPayments@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

Debbie Ward

Fixed Penalty Notice Officer

