



# IMBERHORNE SCHOOL



## INITIAL REQUEST FOR AN ANNUAL FAMILY HOLIDAY APPLICATION FORM

Percentage of students achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A\*-C, including English & Maths, compared to attendance

Attendance	2009	2010	Mean
95% or better	89%	82%	86%
90% – 95%	76%	67%	72%
85% – 90%	74%	40%	57%
80% – 85%	53%	0%	27%
Below 80%	36%	35%	36%

As you will see from the data, there is a significant difference in the achievement of those students with an attendance rate of at least 95% compared to those whose attendance rate is lower. Whilst some may consider 90% to be an acceptable level, this is equivalent to one day off school per fortnight and is not commensurate with the best chance of achieving success in comparison to those who attend more regularly. Clearly, considerations regarding 'in-term' holidays must take account of the potential impact on future grades or courses.

Please read all the information carefully before deciding if you need to request a holiday application form.

- Before making firm bookings/arrangements/payments for a family holiday, always seek permission for an authorised family holiday first.
- You have a **legal responsibility** to send your child to school every day.  
All Students should attend the 190 school days in the year. Full attendance at school is a **legal requirement**.
- During term time there is no entitlement to authorised absence.
- The school reserves the right to decline to authorise absence during term time.
- It is at the discretion of the Headteacher to permit up to a maximum of ten days absence, but there is **no** obligation to do so.
- The minimum attendance target set by the government is **95%**.
- By taking two weeks holiday in term time your child will automatically fall below 95%.
- Your child will be missing **50 lessons** if you take two weeks holiday in term time.
- You will be required to state clearly why you consider it absolutely essential for your child to take time off school for a family holiday.
- Families who take holidays which have not been authorised by the Headteacher, in term-time, may be liable to a Local Education Authority fine.

**Your child's current attendance figure is:** .....

If you still wish to proceed in requesting a holiday form please complete the section below:



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I have read the above information and considered it carefully. I would still like to request a holiday form.

To: Head of Year .....

Student name ..... Form .....

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian