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|  | **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST - 2023-24** |

Leave of Absence requests should be completed by the Parent or Carer and submitted to Main Reception no fewer than **two weeks** in advance of the proposed absence.

Please note that The Education (Pupil Registration) England Regulations 2006 have been amended in the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 which will be in force from September 2013.

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Headteachers determine the number of days a student can be away from school if the leave is granted. All requests for leave of absence are therefore dealt with in accordance with the provision laid down in the regulations.

A total of thirteen weeks’ holiday is already available to all parents. Absence at any time would inevitably lead to your son/daughter missing valuable teaching time or even examinations. Please also be aware that if this absence is unauthorised and your son/daughter’s attendance becomes a concern the holiday absence will be taken into consideration.

Evidence shows that students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results as the data below shows:

* Pupils with higher attainment at KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
* Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
* Pupils who did not achieve grade 9 to 4 in English and maths GCSEs in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 8.8% over the key stage, compared with 5.2% among pupils who achieved a grade 4 and 3.7% among pupils who achieved grade 9 to 5 in both English and maths.
* Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
* Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS4, 83.7% achieved grades 9 to 4 in English and maths compared to 35.6% of pupils who were persistently absent.

It is the student’s responsibility to prepare for the absence in advance by speaking with staff about the work that will need to be covered. However, tests cannot be rearranged to accommodate such absences. This could have a detrimental effect on subsequent examination performance.

**You may be guilty of an offence under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996.  The maximum penalty for these offences is a fine of £2,500, 3 months imprisonment or both.  Alternatively, the Local Authority/School may choose to impose a Section 444A Penalty Notice in the order of a fine instead of prosecuting for the offences given above.  The amount of the penalty notice is £60.00 if paid within 21 days.  If paid after 21 days but within 28 days, the penalty notice is doubled to £120.00.  Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will result in prosecution except in limited circumstances.**

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**REPLY: LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPLICATION**

Return written copies to Reception on completion. Electronic returns should be sent to: info@trinity.cumbria.sch.uk

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To be absent from school from: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of School days: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reason for request:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**For school use:** DSA agreed exceptional circumstances Yes / No

Received by Reception: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ G = \_\_\_\_\_\_ H = \_\_\_\_\_\_

Comment from DSA

Date letter sent home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Duplicate correspondence Yes / No Mark given: J G H V C P R

Date recorded: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LOA September 2020 inc **Section 444(1)** or **Section 444(1)** **of the Education Act 1996 information**