In September 2013 there was an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which prohibited the principal of a school granting leave of absence for a pupil except where an ***application is made in advance*** and the principal considers there are ***exceptional circumstances*** relating to the request. If a principal authorises a leave of absence request, it will be his/her decision to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school.

Any request for leave of absence must be made at least 4 weeks prior to the proposed leave, by completing the application below providing any additional evidence in support of the exceptional circumstances, together with details of why the leave cannot be taken during any school holiday period. Each request will be considered based on the information provided. Please note that exceptional circumstances are considered as occasions where the same request is not likely to be made again. Any student whose attendance is below the national expectation of 97%, or whose attendance would fall below if their leave were granted, will automatically be refused.

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| 1. To be completed by the parent or carer with whom the child normally resides | | | | |
| School Name | **SOUTH AXHOLME ACADEMY** | | | |
| Name of Pupil |  | Class |  | |
| Address |  | | | |
| Dates  Requested | From: (1st date of proposed absence) To: (last date of absence) | | | Total School Days |
| Supporting  Information  and the reason  for the leave of  absence request |  | | | |

Please **do not** make any arrangements until you have confirmed with the school that the leave of absence is granted

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| 1. Please provide details of any other siblings. A separate application form will be required for each child | | | |
| Child Name |  | School |  |
| Child Name |  | School |  |

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| 1. I confirm that I am the parent or carer with whom the child listed in section 1 resides | | | | |
| Signed: |  | | Please Print Name: |  |
| Date: |  | | Relationship to child |  |
| For School Use Only: | | Date Application Received: | | |

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**School Response to Application Leave of Absence during Term Time**

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| Details of Application (To be completed by the School) | | |
| Name of Pupil |  | |
| Address |  | |
| Name of person requesting  the leave of absence and their  relationship to the child |  |  |
| Dates  Requested | From: (1st date of proposed absence) To: (last date of absence) | Total School Days |

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| Decision following consideration of Application | |
| I have considered your application for leave of absence based on the information provided and my  decision is confirmed below: | |
| Authorised Absence Please tick as appropriate  On this occasion I am able to authorise the leave of  absence as I feel that the reasons provided are  exceptional. The absence will be recorded on the  school register as authorised.  Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Mrs S Hamilton, Principal | Unauthorised Absence Please tick as appropriate  On this occasion I am unable to authorise the leave of  absence as I do not consider the reason provided to be  exceptional. Should you go ahead with the proposed  leave, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised on  the school register.  Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Mrs Hamilton, Principal |

If the leave of absence has not been authorised by the Principal the information will be submitted to the Education Inclusion Service who may issue a Penalty Notice or take other legal intervention if there are 10 or more consecutive or non-consecutive unauthorised absence sessions (5 days). Penalty Notices were introduced as an alternative to prosecution but if they fail to act as a future deterrent, prosecution may be considered, rather than a further Penalty.

* If paid within 21 days the Penalty Notice is £80 per parent or carer, per child
* If paid after 21 days but within 28 days the Penalty Notice increases to £160 per parent or carer, per child
* If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent/carer for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80
* If a parent/carer then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement
* If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days this will result in prosecution

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| For School Use Only:  **A copy MUST be retained**  **by the school** | Date Returned to Applicant: |