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Dear Parent / Carer

As you know, St Paul's is an outstanding school. This means your child receives a rounded primary education that is recognised to be excellent and which provides a vital foundation on which he or she can build for the future. Part of being an outstanding school is that everyone involved, pupils, staff and governors, work to the highest standards.

One of these standards is attendance. It has come to the notice of the Governing Body that some parents believe that they can take their child out of school for ten days each year. In fact there is no such entitlement. To the child this is a loss of slightly more than 5% of their education.

We respectfully request that you do not take your child out of school. This is because we do not want anything to prevent your child from fulfilling his or her potential. In our recent inspection Ofsted commented that "pupils' high attendance levels and enthusiasm for learning equip them exceptionally well for the future". We realise that holidays are considerably cheaper during term time but we ask that you value your child's education above any money you would save.

Therefore holidays in term time will only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances, for example a medical need supported by a doctor's letter.

Thank you for cooperating with us in this matter and helping the school to maintain the highest standards.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Roberts  
(Chair of governors on behalf of the Governing Body of St Paul's School)



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