

P-04-576 Allow Children in Wales to Have a Family Holiday During Term Time – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 13.04.17

Dear Petitions committee,

This farce has to end, there needs to be some honesty, on the part of the Assembly Education department, Every time we tell them there is a problem with the way the Consortia are dealing with parents and head teachers and present evidence of the misuse of Welsh Assembly legislation, we get told there is no problem and that head teachers in Wales have the right to allow Holidays during term time. This is a lie, in just a couple of hours I had all these responses, when I asked for schools that are still operating blanket bans, this means there are many more, I have also attached documents that are representative of those being given to parents across Wales. We keep getting told that the situation in Wales under Labour is different to England, as far as I can see, the only difference is that in England the government tells the truth about the situation and stands by it, whilst in Wales the Assembly hides the real situation, with lies and falsehoods, do you have no shame? It is despicable to hold the threat of reporting parents for putting their child's welfare at risk, when all they want to do is take them on holiday, this disgusting cowardly bullying behaviour has to stop. Families are put under strain and are being permanently damaged, you need to stop messing around, telling lies and being ineffective cowards in general, and do something about this now.

Bethany Walpole-Wroe



The Governing Body at Narberth School are in agreement with ERW's directive not to grant holiday leave during term time. However, it acknowledges that there may be 'special' circumstances when families may need to be absent from school and will therefore consider each application on its own merit.

If the pupil/s do/does not return by the agreed date, they are at risk of losing their school place/s and they will be removed from the school register in accordance with the admissions guidance Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 Section 4 which states 'the pupils has ceased to attend the school and no longer resides within a reasonable distance from the school'.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that a place will be available for your child in the school of your choice on your return but you will be offered a place at the nearest school with room available in the year group.

Failure to return on the agreed date will prompt welfare concerns; a child who goes missing from education may be considered to be at risk of significant harm. Any such concerns will immediately be referred to the statutory authorities for consideration.

SIGNED : _____ Parent or Guardian DATED : _____

SIGNED : _____ Headteacher DATED : _____

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Granted Not Granted

Reason given : _____

Signed : _____ Dated : _____



YSGOL ARBERTH NARBERTH SCHOOL

APPLICATION FOR TERM TIME ABSENCE/CAIS AM ABSENOLDEB YN YSTOD TYMOR

Please note that the decision has been taken at Consortium level that all absences due to holidays and extended visits should not be authorised by any Head Teacher within the six Local Authorities in the South West and Mid Wales Consortium.

| Pupil/s Personal Details : | Enw/Name | Dosbarth/Class |
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| Manylion Personol Disgyblion : | | |
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| Name of Parent/Carer : Enw'r Rhiant/Gofalwr : | | |
| Contact Number/s : Rhif/au Cysylltu : | | |
| Reason for Term Time Absence : Rheswm am Absenoldeb Ystod Tymor : | | |
| Place of visit : Lle'r Ymweliad : | | |
| Date of Visit : Dyddiad yr Ymweliad : | From/O : | To/I : |
| Date of Absence for Pupil/s : Dyddiadau Absenoldeb Disgybl/ion : | From/O : | To/I : |
| Date pupil/s will return to School : Dyddiad bydd y disgybl/ion yn dychwelyd i'r Ysgol : | | |
| Contact details (Name, address and contact number of a relative or friend who we can make contact with if you do not return on the stated date) Manylion Cyswllt (Enw, cyfeiriad a rhif cyswllt perthynas neu ffrind y gallwn cysylltu a os na fyddwch yn dychwelyd ar y dyddiad penodig) | | |

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