

**Telford & Wrekin Interim amendments to the 'Leave in Term time' Policy
(which apply from 16th May 2016)**

- The Telford & Wrekin 'Leave in term time' policy and guidance remains the same. When requesting permission for any leave in term time, it remains at the Head teacher's discretion and requests should only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- If you think you are entitled to a refund for a paid Penalty Notice we suggest you seek independent legal advice.
- If you have been prosecuted in the Magistrates Court under Section 444 of the Education Act (after you failed to pay a Penalty Notice) and think you have a case for an appeal against your conviction you should seek independent legal advice and contact the Magistrates Court.
- In light of the recent High Court Judgement concerning Isle of Wight Council v John Platt May 2016, all cases of a similar nature, from this point forwards, will be considered on levels of absence and other factors which may impact upon school attendance.
- If you have been issued with a Penalty Notice for unauthorised absence you should adhere to the conditions as detailed on the Penalty Notice and you may decide to seek legal advice. If you do not pay in the stipulated time you may be prosecuted under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996
- In considering future 'Leave in term time' Penalty Notices (HPN), circumstances of your child's absence will be considered and if you receive one you should seek independent legal advice.
- Subsequent periods of leave in term time may result in legal action been taken against you.

All of the above relates to 'Leave in Term Time' Penalty Notices (AST/HPN)

Please note: Penalty Notices for other unauthorised absence are not affected by this judgement.

If you wish to discuss your own circumstances relating to a 'Leave in Term Time' Penalty Notice (AST/HPN) please contact:

The Attendance Support Team on 01952385220

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