



Woodside High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

I know that at this time of the year you will be in the process of booking your summer holidays. The end of term is **Friday 20th July 2018** and we resume back on **Tuesday 4th September 2018***. It is unfortunate to see that sadly, there were still a number of families who choose to take their children out of school during term time for an extended summer holiday. This damages the progress and potential GCSE results for those young people. In addition, on their return, they have an impact on other students as they try to catch up on work they have missed.

Woodside High do make referrals to Haringey council for a Fixed Penalty Notice or you may face legal proceedings.

I must remind you that it is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children receive an education. This is stated in Section 444 of the 1996 Education Act:

(1) If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, their parent is guilty of an offence.

(1A) If in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (1) the parent knows that their child is failing to attend regularly at the school and fails without reasonable justification to cause him to do so, they are guilty of an offence.

A Fixed Penalty Notice is a £60 penalty, payable within 28 days, and issued as a result of your child being absent for unauthorised reasons. Should the penalty not be paid within 28 days, it will increase to £120. Should this not be paid, you may be prosecuted.

Should you be prosecuted for failure to ensure Child's First Name's regular attendance at school, you may be fined up to £2,500 and/or a 3 month term of imprisonment. In addition Magistrates may, at their discretion, direct the local authority to apply for an Education Supervision Order or impose a Parenting Order.

Woodside High currently has a waiting list for student places and we have a large number of students waiting to fill places as they become available. It may be the case that parents who take students on holiday in term time will return to find that they have lost their school place in Woodside High and may have to go to a school that is not performing as well as Woodside High.

Remember, every day counts for your child's education.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Headteachers

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