

Woodside High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Possible Fixed Penalty Notice

I know that at this time of the year you will be in the process of booking your Summer holidays. The end of Summer Term is **Friday 23rd July 2021** and year group resume back on following dates:

Thursday 2nd September – Year 7 students only

Friday 3rd September – year 7 & 11 students in

Monday 6th September -All year groups to be in school

Booking holidays outside of these dates can lead to **Fixed Penalty notices or 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.

Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace



















Yours sincerely

Angela Wallace

<u>Headteacher</u>