**Exceptional Leave of Absence Request Form**

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| **SCHOOL:** | **DATE OF REQUEST:** |  |
| **First Name** | **Surname** | **Date of Birth** | **Class** |
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| **Leaving date:** |  | **Date due back in school:** |  |
| **Length of absence applied for (number of school days only):** |  **days** |
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| **Siblings in other schools:** **Please note this request information will be shared with the attendance lead in the school in which the sibling/s attend** | **First Name** | **Surname** | **School** |
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| **Contact Details** |
| **Parents:** **(eg. Mother, Father, Grandparent, Carer):** | **First name:****Surname:** | **First name:****Surname:** |
|  | **Address:****Postcode:** | **Address:****Postcode:** |
|  | **Email:****Home phone number:****Mobile:** **Alternative number while away:** | **Email:****Home phone number:****Mobile:** **Alternative number while away:** |
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| **Reason for absence including full explanation (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary)**The exceptional circumstances are…  |
| **Point of departure (eg. Airport, Coach, Train Station etc.):**  | **Destination:** |
| **Time of departure:** | **Flight numbers and name of airline:**  |
| **Emergency Contact Details (preferably someone who is staying in Leeds):**  **First Name:****Surname:** **Address:****Postcode:****Relationship to the child:****Contact Number:** | **\*Provide copies of travel plans to support your** **request.\***If child is not leaving with parent(s) who is accompanying them? Who will be caring/responsible for the child? Why is/are the parent(s) not leaving with the child?  Name:Relationship to child:Address: Postcode : |

**Statutory Declaration**

***Legal responsibility***

***As a parent/guardian I understand all children aged between 5 and 16 are required by law to receive an education, and under the provisions of the Education Act 1996, it is my responsibility as a parent to ensure the regular school attendance of my children and that failure to do so could result in legal proceedings being taken by the Local Education Authority.***

*I understand that requests for leave can only be granted by schools if there are* ***exceptional circumstances****, and* ***holidays are not considered exceptional****. They must also be made to the school in advance, as the* ***Department for Education*** *has told schools that they cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.*

***Fines***

* *First offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may be referred to the Magistrates Court.*
* *Second Offence (within 3 years) - the second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may be referred to the Magistrates Court.*
* *Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) - the third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates’ Court under s.444 of the Education Act (1996) or other legal interventions considered.* ***A guilty verdict at the Magistrates’ Court can lead to a fine of up to £1000, and a criminal record which can affect employment opportunities.***

***School places***

*I am aware that a* ***referral will made to the Local Authority Children Missing from Education Team (CME) if my request is unauthorised, and my child hasn’t returned to school on the agreed date****. This can result in my child* ***losing their school place****.*

*I am also aware that there is a shortage of places in the area, so if my child loses their school place it could result in having to travel to a school out of area or my child without a school, being a detriment to their education and causing implications to my own employment.*

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| **Parent’s Full Name:** | **Parent’s Signature:** | **Date:**  |
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| **School Section** **Any previous request** Yes □ No □  | **Is the requested absence during exams** Yes □ No □  |
| **Reason for refusal/Comments** |
| **Authorised** □  | **Approved** |  | **for School days** |  |
| **Unauthorised** □  | **Not approved** |  | **for School days** |  |
| **Headteacher’s Signature** |  |