# APPLICATION FORM

**Leave of Absence during Term Time**

In September 2013 there was an amendment to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which prohibited the Principal of a school granting leave of absence for a pupil except where an ***application is made in advance*** and the Principal considers there are ***exceptional circumstances*** relating to the request. If a Principal authorises a leave of absence request, it will be his/her decision to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school.

Any request for leave of absence must be made at least 4 weeks prior to the proposed leave, by completing the application below providing any additional evidence in support of the exceptional circumstances, together with details of why the leave cannot be taken during any school holiday period. Each request will be considered based on the information provided. Please note that exceptional circumstances are considered as occasions where the same request is not likely to be made again. Any student whose attendance is below the national expectation of 97%, or whose attendance would fall below if their leave were granted, will automatically be refused.

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| 1. To be completed by the parent or carer with whom the child normally resides | | | | |
| School Name | **SOUTH AXHOLME ACADEMY** | | | |
| Name of Student |  | Form |  | |
| Address |  | | | |
| Dates Requested | From: (1st date of proposed absence) To: (last date of absence) | | | Total School Days |
| Supporting Information and the reason for the leave of  absence request |  | | | |

Please **do not** make any arrangements until you have confirmed with the academy that the leave of absence is granted

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| 2. Please provide details of any other siblings. A separate application form will be required for each child | | | |
| Child Name |  | School |  |
| Child Name |  | School |  |

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| 3. I confirm that I am the parent or carer with whom the child listed in section 1 resides | | | |
| Signed: |  | Print Name: |  |
| Date: |  | Relationship to child |  |

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| For Academy Use Only: | Date Application Received: |

# Academy Response to Application for Leave of Absence during Term Time

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| Details of Application (To be completed by the School) | | |
| Name of Student |  | |
| Address |  | |
| Name of person requesting the leave of absence and their  relationship to the child |  |  |
| Dates Requested | From: (1st date of proposed absence) To: (last date of absence) | Total School Days |

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| Decision following consideration of Application | |
| I have considered your application for leave of absence based on the information provided and my decision is confirmed below: | |
| Authorised Absence Please tick as appropriate  On this occasion I am able to authorise the leave of absence as I feel that the reasons provided are exceptional. The absence will be recorded on the school register as authorised.  Signed:  Printed: Mr S Barlow Position: Principal | Unauthorised Absence Please tick as appropriate  On this occasion I am unable to authorise the leave of absence as I do not consider the reason provided to be exceptional. Should you go ahead with the proposed leave, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised on the school register.  Signed:  Printed: Mr S Barlow Position: Principal |

If the leave of absence has not been authorised by the Principal the information will be submitted to the Education Inclusion Service who may issue a Penalty Notice or take other legal intervention if there are 10 or more consecutive or non-consecutive unauthorised absence sessions (5 days). Penalty Notices were introduced as an alternative to prosecution but if they fail to act as a future deterrent, prosecution may be considered, rather than a further Penalty.

* If paid within 21 days the Penalty Notice is £60 per parent or carer, per child
* If paid after 21 days but within 28 days the Penalty Notice increases to £120 per parent or carer, per child
* If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days this will result in prosecution

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| For Academy Use Only:  **A copy MUST be retained by the academy** | Date Returned to Applicant: |