ATTENDANCE: DID YOU KNOW?...

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IF YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE IS 90% IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR THAT EQUATES TO AROUND FOUR WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED. IF YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE IS 90% OVER FIVE YEARS THAT EQUATES TO HALF A SCHOOL YEAR MISSED.

If you would like to speak to someone about the information in this leaflet you should contact your school for further clarification.

South Ayrshire Council – Educational Services

UNAUTHORISED HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM TIME
Over the last few years, most of our schools have noticed an increase in the number of pupils absent from schools because of family holidays. South Ayrshire Council is aware that this happens for a number of reasons:

- The availability of cheap holidays or desired accommodation;
- Holidays which overlap the beginning or end of term;
- Parents may be unable to take time off during school holidays.

Family holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. Only in exceptional and very limited circumstances will the school authorise a family holiday during term time. Such circumstances may include:

- A family holiday judged to be important to the well-being and cohesion of the family following serious or terminal illness, bereavement or other traumatic events;
- Where a parent’s employment is of a nature where school holiday leave cannot be accommodated (eg. armed services).

Parents must speak to the school prior to making arrangements or taking any absence. No school work will be provided for the period of absence although some schools may consider giving you information about what will be covered during the absence.

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- Drop in attainment of pupils on holiday on a regular basis;
- Disruption to the class when pupils return;
- Disruption to assessment and testing schedules;
- Difficulty for pupils settling back into school;
- Behavioural problems if pupils fall behind in school work;
- An effect on the general ethos of the school.

Effect of Missing School:

We would strongly encourage you not to take your child/children out of school during term time. Our headteachers have noticed that missing school can have a number of adverse effects not only on the pupils who have been absent but sometimes on the class or whole school, including:

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