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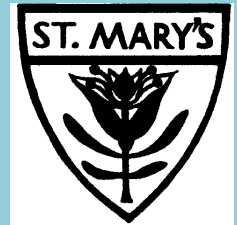


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God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus



Friday 26th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Re:- Unauthorised absences

A child's learning at school has been compared to a coiled shell signifying that each new year of learning is a process of building on the work of the past years. A piece of work or new idea missed in Key Stage 1 can cause problems when a teacher in later years seeks to build on something that is simply not there.

Therefore although I can fully understand the financial temptation of taking a holiday in school time I would ask that all parents support the children and staff at St Mary's by taking holidays in the thirteen weeks we are not in school. It is a sad reality that avoidable term time absences for holidays have an impact not just by disrupting learning in that term but can leave a trail of problems across subsequent years.

Consequently all parents need to be aware that from the week beginning Monday 1st July **all** unauthorised absences will be passed onto the Local Authority who have the option of levying fines from each parent for each child.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Shingler
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