



## Homework for Holidays Policy

Whilst recognising the parental desire to take family holidays at off-peak times or to be tied to taking holidays when instructed to do so by employers, Ballyholme Primary School has developed this policy based on the following criteria;

- A holiday is a holiday and should be a break from the usual routine. When someone goes on holiday they mentally 'switch off'
- Work completed at home during the term is normally reinforcement of that covered in class. It is a follow-up to what has actually been taught in class- if this teaching has been missed then the follow-up could be misinterpreted.
- Preparing work for even a few days ahead can be difficult as it is not always easy to gauge the speed that the children will work at.
- Due to changes in the methods of teaching, reading, spelling and elements of maths is it essential that the children receive the correct input.

### **Action**

Please try to avoid taking pupils out of school during term time- it disrupts their learning and often they take time to settle into a normal routine.

If taking a holiday during normal term times please complete the absence form on the school website, detailing the length of absence and reason for absence.

No work prepared by the teacher will be given during the holiday. However we would encourage children to continue reading during their holiday.

Reading, spelling and number facts may, where appropriate, be completed retrospectively upon return to school.

Essential written notes may be completed upon return from holiday.

Every effort will be made by the teacher to ensure that the child 'catches up' on essential work which has been missed. The pace that the curriculum moves at may mean that this could be a considerable amount.