



# Beckenham Primary School

Independent Public School

## STUDENTS TAKING IN-TERM HOLIDAYS

Attendance has been a major focus of the Department of Education for many years, as all research shows that regular attendance is necessary to improve student learning.

### Focus Improved Student Attendance:

- Positive “attendance careers” are established and maintained by students from day one in Kindergarten.
- Pursue and document attendance of every student not demonstrating regular attendance, bringing to the attention of relevant agencies students at risk.

### Strategic plan for WA Public Schools

As a performance measure: Proportion of students achieving regular (90% and more) attendance.

### Beckenham Business Plan:

- Maintain student attendance at 92% or above.
- Reduce unexplained absences to below 10%

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### Students Names and Classes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Holiday Dates:** From \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Return to school \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Holidays taken during the school term are recorded as an *Unauthorised Absence*.

For this holiday to be recorded as “*Authorised*”, parents/carers must agree to provide some educational opportunities for their child/ren.

For example:

- Make a record or diary of their holiday in a diary or memo box.
- Do some real life educational activities such as Map reading, Money, Maths, Literacy, Languages, Geography, History or Science according to your situation.
- Complete a research project on the holiday destination.
- Complete a book diary with photos, drawings, sketches and student writing.

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I/We **agree / do not** agree to provide some educational opportunities for my child/ren during our holiday.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The absence is **authorised** and is recorded as a ‘V’

The absence is **not authorised** and is recorded as a ‘K’

Principal (or Representative) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_