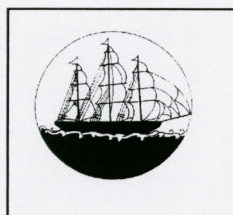
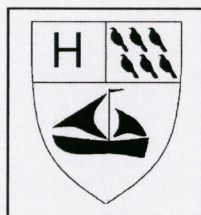


## REQUESTS FOR HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



**Hodder Junior School  
Meridian Community Primary School  
Peacehaven Community School  
Peacehaven Infants School  
Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School**

The schools in Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs are committed to providing an education that will ensure every child achieves their full potential. To take advantage of the opportunities available it is essential that all children attend school regularly and punctually; there should be no absence from school, during a term, for holidays.

Government concerns about term-time holidays are clear, such activities significantly increase the risk of underachievement:

- time out of school disrupts children's learning.
- teachers have to spend time helping children catch up on missed work, taking them away from teaching other pupils in the class.

The Government and local authority position and expectations are very clear that schools should *not* support parental requests to take children on holiday in term time. It is however, recognised that there are sometimes 'exceptional circumstances'. If a family considers that they have 'exceptional circumstances' they can make a written request, for absence from school, for consideration by the Headteacher.

If the circumstances are not considered exceptional and the child is still taken out of school on holiday, the absence will be noted in the child's records as unauthorised absence (truancy). It should also be noted that the East Sussex Education Welfare Officer monitors such absences and that they can lead to prosecution.

Your support in helping us achieve the very best for all of our children is much appreciated.

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