

11<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Parents,

You were aware this year about the changes made to approval of holidays by the Government from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and that Leave of Absence would only be granted in exceptional circumstances. This year penalty notices for holidays taken in term time would only have been issued if a child's attendance had been below a certain level. I need to inform you that from the next School year penalty notices will be considered by the Local Authority if

- There have been 10 sessions (5 consecutive days) or more of unauthorised absence due to a leave taken during an academic year; and
- Attendance is below 90% during the preceding 12 weeks before the leave was taken; or
- The leave was taken during the month of September; or
- The leave was taken during tests or examinations; or
- It is the second leave of absence taken in any one academic year; or
- The pupil is in Year 6

Some of our parents have very kindly offered to run a 'nearly new' uniform shop at 3.15pm in the dining hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This will consist of uniform which is in very good condition that has not been claimed from lost property or has been donated by parents. They will be very cheaply priced, with funds going back to school, and all items would have been washed prior to sale. If your child is leaving Lincewood and you have no use for their uniform or they have grown out of it we would be very grateful if you could send it into school at the beginning of next week ready for the sale on Wednesday. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Lastly as we have our Dance Festival on Monday, lunchtime will be 11.45-12 for R/KS1 and 12-1pm for KS2.

Yours sincerely,

T. J. Eastwell  
Headteacher