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Pear Tree
I N F A N T S
&
Walbrook
N U R S E R Y

Together we will help your child achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

We value parents as partners and would like your support in giving your child daily opportunities to aim high in every lesson. This can only happen if your child comes to school every day.

Please be reminded that Pear Tree Infants and Walbrook Nursery school have a **zero-tolerance** policy for holidays being taken during term time. We have a legal obligation to report all unauthorised holiday taken during term time to the **Education Welfare Officer at Derby City Council**.

From August 2024, The Department for Education has released new guidance for unauthorised attendance that all schools must follow. All schools will be required to **consider a fine** when a child has **missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons**.

Please also be aware that from August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will **increase to £80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, **this will be charged at the higher rate of £160**.

Fines per parent will be capped to **two fines within any three-year period**. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered and **you could get a fine of up to £2,500**.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B. Suddhi
Head Teacher