



Procedure 6.7 Holiday and leave entitlement

1 Annual holidays (applicable to employees on payroll)

The holiday year begins on 1st April and ends on 31st March.

Annual holiday entitlement is shown in individual contracts of employment. It is Academy policy to encourage employees to take all of their holiday entitlement in the current holiday year. We do not permit holidays to be carried forward, except under exceptional circumstances. Any absences exceeding an employee's entitled annual leave will be considered unpaid.

1.1 Conditions applying to annual holiday entitlement

Employees should obtain approval for all holiday requests via their annual leave sheets from their line manager before making any firm holiday arrangements. Holiday request may be denied during busy periods of the year and at times of low staffing levels.

Holiday requests will only be considered by the CEO / Principal who will allocate agreed holiday dates on a 'first come - first served' basis to ensure that operational efficiency and minimum staffing levels are maintained throughout the year.

Employees should try to give a reasonable period of notice of their intention to take holidays; two day's notice is required for odd single days except for emergency episodes.

Employees may not normally take more than 10 working days consecutively.

Holiday pay will be at the employee's normal basic pay unless shown otherwise on their contract

2 Public/Bank Holidays

Entitlement to public/bank holidays and to any additional payment which may be made for working on a public/bank holiday is shown in the individual contract. Usually all employees are entitled to book their annual leave for public/bank holidays.

3 Maternity leave and pay (applicable to employees on payroll)

Employees are entitled to maternity leave and pay in accordance with the current government regulations. For further and up-to-date information please visit the appropriate gov.uk website.

An employee who becomes pregnant should notify the CEO / Principal at an early stage so that entitlements and obligations can be explained to them.

4 Parental leave (applicable to employees on payroll)

Employees are entitled to take parental leave in respect of the current statutory provisions. They should discuss their needs with the CEO / Principal, who will identify entitlements and look at the proposed leave periods dependent upon the child's/children's particular circumstances and the operational aspects of the business.

5 Paternity leave (applicable to employees on payroll)

In accordance with current statutory provisions, employees are entitled to up to two weeks paternity leave to be taken within eight weeks of the birth date. The first week will be paid at full pay. For up-to-date information please visit the appropriate gov.uk website.

6 Sick leave (applicable to employees on payroll)

An employee who is unable to work through sickness or injury should notify the CEO / Principal (or designated nominee) on the first day of absence. If they know they are unfit to return to work on the day previously advised, they must contact the office as soon as possible and keep the Academy informed

If the absence lasts between four and seven days (including weekends and Academy closed days) a self-certificate is required and should be sent to the CEO / Principal. If the absence extends beyond seven days, doctor's certificates must be submitted to the CEO / Principal to cover any absence.

7 Domestic/overseas/emergency leave (applicable to employees on payroll)

All employees have the right to take a reasonable period of time off work to deal with a personal emergency or tragedy. Should they require leave for such purposes, they must notify the CEO / Principal immediately. It is at the discretion of the Academy to grant such leave, and judge the seriousness of the situation. Employees will not be entitled to any pay during such leave. The time period of such leave will be agreed between the employee and the Academy and the employee must keep the CEO / Principal informed at agreed times.