



Parents want the best for their children and having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities for

them in their adult life. Missing school carries costs for your child in both the short and long term.

Taking your child out of school for a family holiday – or even a routine check up – means that they can be left behind in class. In a busy school day it's difficult for teachers to find extra time to help a child catch up.

The Department for Education and Skills has formed a partnership with the UK Travel Industry to launch "Every Lesson Counts", a campaign highlighting the importance of young people to be in school and turn up to lessons.

The partnership with the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), the Federation of Tour Operators (FTO) and enjoyEngland provides parents and carers with a wide range of holiday ideas and early booking deals. In addition, Liverpool Children's Services has developed the scheme further for Liverpool families in partnership with local Travel Agents.

“EVERY LESSON COUNTS!”

Q: Is my child entitled to two weeks' leave from school for family holidays?

A: No, parents cannot demand a pupil's leave of absence for a holiday as of right.

Under regulation 8 of the Education (Pupil registration) Regulations 1995, it is only a **discretionary** power for leave to be granted for the purpose of an annual family holiday.

Q: Do I need to apply in advance for my child's leave of absence for the family holiday?

A: Yes, a pupil's two weeks leave for family holiday should not be regarded as an acceptable norm. Parents / Guardians are requested to contact the Headteacher well in advance of the holiday trip, giving the reason for taking the term time off, instead of using statutory school holidays for the trip. Parents / Guardians are advised to apply for leave in writing at least two weeks before the trip.

Q: Where can I get further advice on this matter?

A: Always contact your child's school first, as they are the only authority with the **discretionary** power to grant the exceptional leave of absence for family holidays. You may also seek advice from:

Liverpool Pupil Attendance and Education Welfare Service, Tel: 0151 225 4980/6024.

This leaflet is available from Liverpool's Children's Services, (Social Inclusion Team), Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2DH, or your child's school.

PAEWS is working towards being a dyslexia-friendly service.

If you need this information in another format please ring 0151 225 4980



DISCOUNTS ON FAMILY HOLIDAYS

HOW TO CLAIM THE DISCOUNTS?

- Complete the discount claim form below and ask your child's school to sign the form.
- If you have already used the claim form printed on this leaflet, you may approach your child's school and ask them to give you a note to confirm your child is a pupil of a Liverpool or a Liverpool resident; or
- You may want to show our participating Travel Agents any document indicating that your child is a pupil of a Liverpool school or a Liverpool resident.

DISCOUNTS CLAIM FORM

I / we would like to take our child(ren)..... for a family holiday from... to.....(dates), which is not during school term-time. I / we therefore would like to claim a discount of available holidays under the Pupils and Family Holiday Discount Scheme.

Parents (signed).....

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

I hereby confirm that the above-named child(ren) is / are on role at this school.....

Headteacher:.....

Date:.....

PARTICIPATING TRAVEL AGENTS

- United Co-op Travel**, 4 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 1LN. Tel: 0151 734 2222. **Discount: 5%**
- United Co-op Travel**, 18 County Road, Liverpool, L4 3QH. Tel: 0151 524 242 4. **Discount: 5%**
- United Co-op Travel**, Terminal 1, Liverpool Airport, Liverpool. L24 1YD, Tel: 0151 486 6747. **Discount 5%**
- United Co-op Travel**, 68 Lord Street, Liverpool, L2 1TL, Tel: 0151 709 3747. **Discount: 5%**
- United Co-op Travel**, 577 Prescott Road, Liverpool, L13 5 UX. Tel: 0151 228 0747. **Discount: 5%**
- United Co-op Travel**, 66 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 1NA. Tel: 0151 733 1476. **Discount: 5%**
- Barnes Worldwide Travel**, 26 County Road, Walton, Liverpool, L4 3QH. Tel: 0151 286 2000. **Free Holiday Insurance**
- CI Travel Holdings Ltd**, 10-12 Pall Mall, Liverpool, L3 6AL. Tel: 0870 754 0755. **Discount 4 % on holidays to Jersey from Liverpool / Manchester**
- Thomas Cook Ltd**, 75 Church Street, Liverpool, L1 1DQ. Tel: 0151 522 1300. **Discount 5%**
- Thomas Cook Ltd**, 55 Lord Street, L2 6PD. Tel: 0151 522 1400. **Discount 5%**
- Thomas Cook Ltd**, 80-90 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DG. Tel: 0151 522 190 0. **Discount 5%**
- Thomas Cook Ltd**, 456-470 Edge Lane, Liverpool, L13 1AD. Tel: 0151 801 7100. **Discount 5%** (continued...)

PARTICIPATING TRAVEL AGENTS

13. **Thomas Cook Ltd.** (Sainsbury – Walton). TEL: 0845 308 9417. **Discount 5%**

14. **Largeportion Global**, Largeportion House, 216 Tower St. L3 4BJ. TEL: 0870 063 2020 **Discount up to 10%**

Also visit the following Websites for further offers:

www.abta.com/offers/school-holiday-breaks.htm

(United Co-op Travel, Cosmos, Apollo Travel Direct and Weston World Travel)

www.fto.co.uk/every-lesson-counts/

(Airtours, Cosmos, Virgin, British Airways and Thomas Cook)

www.largeportion.com

(Specializing in family holidays and breaks in peak school holiday periods)

www.enjoyEngland.com/ideas/features/features-page/every-lesson-counts.aspx

(Butlins, the Caravan Club, Haven Holidays, Hoseasons Holidays, Park Resorts, Super Breaks, Warmer Travel Breaks)



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