

Hutton Cranswick CP School

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Friday 23rd June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since the changed legislation regarding holidays in term time was announced last year, there has been a great deal of debate regarding 'exceptional circumstances'.

At a recent meeting of the Drifffield and Wolds Partnership of Headteachers the issue of attendance at **Drifffield Show** was discussed. When this was initially looked at in September 2013, heads were advised by the Local Authority that attendance at Drifffield Show did not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances so attendance could not be authorised. This year's show is within the normal school year and so the local authority has agreed that as this is part of the local promotion of Modern British Values an exception can be made and for this year attendance can be authorised.

If you are considering taking your child to the Drifffield Show on **Wednesday 19th July 2017** you must complete the slip below and return it to school no later than **Friday 7th July 2017.**

Each application will be considered by the Headteacher on its individual merits. If you have not heard from the school by Friday 14th July you should consider your application for authorised school absence has been approved. Please note that if you have not requested absence for your child on this day and your child is consequently absent to attend Drifffield Show the Headteacher (by law) cannot retrospectively authorise the absence.

School will remain open to all students on Wednesday 19th July 2017 as normal.

It is my understanding that this only covers Drifffield show (not The Great Yorkshire show etc.) and will continue to be reviewed annually.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K Henderson
Headteacher

Child's Name:

I am requesting an authorised absence for my child on 19th July 2017 to attend the Drifffield show.

All Day / Pick up at 12pm (**Please delete appropriately**)

I understand that any absence will affect my Child's overall absence rate for 2016-17.

Signature:Date:

(Please return to school as soon as possible, but no later than 7th July)

