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An alle Erziehungsberechtigten

Parent Information on Absences Before and After School Holidays

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The summer holidays are approaching – a special time for many families. We understand that travel planning can often be challenging. At the same time, it is important to us that we work together with you to ensure compliance with your child's compulsory school attendance.

Please note: compulsory school attendance applies on all regular school days, including the days immediately before and after school holidays. Permission for an early start to holidays or an extension of holidays is generally not granted.

Schools are required to examine absences on school days immediately before or after holidays with particular care. In the event of illness, parents and guardians must inform the school without delay and provide a credible explanation for the absence.

The school may request additional evidence in individual cases, particularly if the explanation appears insufficiently plausible, if absences continue for an extended period, or occur repeatedly.

The following are not recognised as valid reasons:

- a desire for longer holidays,
- cheaper travel fares,
- avoiding peak traffic periods,
- flight delays,
- vehicle breakdowns,
- organisational reasons such as renewing documents abroad.

Please plan trips in a way that does not interfere with your child's attendance at school.

If your child is absent without adequate justification, this may be regarded as a violation of compulsory school attendance and may result in administrative offence proceedings.



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Bus / Straßenbahn:
Haltestelle
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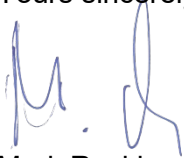
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von 9:00 - 14:00 Uhr

We understand that conflicts of interest may arise, for example when family members live in different federal states or abroad. Nevertheless, compliance with compulsory school attendance is important because learning requires continuity and common rules ensure fairness.

If you have received an approved leave of absence from the school in an individual case, you must carry this approval with you when travelling.

If you believe your situation constitutes a particularly justified exception, please contact your child's school at an early stage.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Rackles
Senator for Children and Education

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