Laidlaw School

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EXTENDED ABSENCE FORM

Vacations and traveling opportunities are excellent learning experiences for children. However, we acknowledge that this will result in students missing out on classroom instruction. Unfortunately classroom instruction cannot be duplicated or repeated.

There are many opportunities for learning on vacations and during traveling opportunities. A journal of the trip with maps, pictures, brochures, tickets, postcards and write-ups can be a great memory keepsake, as well as a way to keep up with daily writings skills. It may also be a chance to practice some presenting skills upon returning to class. Reading a free choice book is great for literacy and lifelong learning. Incorporating numeracy skills such as trip calculations, or other daily real life numeracy skills can also be extremely valuable.

As most extended absences are a matter of choice, we appreciate in advance your understanding that teachers are not expected to create individual packages of homework for vacations or travelling opportunities. Teachers, as professionals, continuously assess and adjust the pace and methods of teaching required for their classes to reach the curricular outcomes, making it difficult to gauge what work will be covered during extended absences. In addition, replication of the rich class discussions and group work that take place at school on a daily basis is impossible.

We hope that you and your family take the opportunity to connect with your child's learning and teach them essential life skills as you all enjoy some memorable times together.

To assist us in supporting your child(ren), we ask that you notify the school by filling out this form and submitting it to the office as far in advance as possible. The office will ensure that the classroom teachers, Specialists and Lunch Program (if applicable) are notified. Thank you.

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____   Teacher: _____

Date student will last attend prior to the extended absence: _____

Date that student will return to school: _____

Additional comments: _____

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Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____Date:_____