

PARENTS WANT A SAY

REVERSE THE CHANGES TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY



Dear Ms Morgan,

As a founder member of the non-profit organisation Parents Want a Say, we wish to congratulate you on your new role as Secretary of State for Education.

Parents Want a Say brings together campaigners and groups across England and Wales who want to see changes made to the present school attendance policy.

We believe the amendments to the term time family holiday rules under The Education Regulations 2006 which came into force on 1st September 2013, are unfairly criminalising hardworking families for wanting to enjoy affordable holidays together.

We fully understand the importance of good school attendance but we believe that good quality family time is exceptionally valuable. There are many families who cannot enjoy a family holiday during the school holiday period, these people include members of the police force, doctors, nurses and members of the armed forces, we believe some consideration should be made to their predicament.

The Department of Education fails to take account of the financial and work-related pressures families currently face and the impact of these upon the wider wellbeing of our children, therefore these amendments are driving a wedge between parents and the education system.

We welcome a new face in the Department of Education and we hope to work with you in the coming months to find a resolution to this issue, which we believe interferes with everyone's right to family life.

We hope we can arrange a meeting with you in the near future to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Craig Langman'. The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Craig Langman

Founder Member of Parents Want a Say