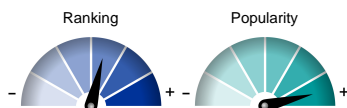


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Schools relaxed about term time holidays

? Just under half of schools are happy for parents to take their children out of school in term time, according to a new survey by Owners Direct.

But the holiday rentals specialist said despite this, only 1.1% of parents are planning to take their kids away on the two or three days of term time between Easter and the Royal wedding.

? "We were very surprised about these findings," said marketing manager Angela Southall.

"Many parents place significant importance on their children's education and are happy to pay a premium to go away in designated holidays".

Just 7% of parents admit they are brave enough to take annual term-time holidays, but 42% will book a term-time break occasionally.

Of those that do, almost 80% of respondents in the survey undertaken in April this year take children out of school to save money, with 14% citing better flight options and 10% for a quieter time.

? By Bev Fearis

The screenshot shows the TravelMole website layout. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'NEWS', 'HAVE YOUR SAY', 'MY TRAVELMOLE', 'SERVICES', and 'RESOURCES'. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation, a 'LATEST' section highlights the article 'Corrie star to join Fred. Olsen cruise'. The main content area features the article 'SCHOOLS RELAXED ABOUT TERM TIME HOLIDAYS' by Bev Fearis, dated 20 April 2011. The article text is partially visible, matching the text in the other blocks. To the right of the article is an 'ADVERTISEMENT' section with a 'PRESS ZONE' and 'WHO'S WHO' section. At the bottom of the article, there's a 'THE MOLE POLL' with 'Yes' and 'No' options and a 'Vote' button. A 'WATCH VIDEO FEATURE' section is also visible at the bottom right of the article area.