

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL COME INTO FORCE FROM 19TH AUGUST 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 Consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 days or more consecutive leave. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there has been ten sessions of unauthorised absence in a ten week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount paid will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be up to **£2500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents' future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.