

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The new National Framework For Penalty Notices

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

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

For example, 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

1 £160 pp,pc

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.

2 £160 pp,pc

(within 3 years from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)

The second 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.

3 Up to £2500

(within 3 years from the date of issue of first penalty notice)

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.

This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.

1ST OFFENCE

2ND OFFENCE

3RD OFFENCE