

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices. The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices Fines issued after 19th August 2024

Per parent, Per Child:

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

For example: 2 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines (4 in total)

5 consecutive days of term time leave:

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

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

10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 -week period:

Penalty notice fines will be considered when there are 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in the most recent 10 school week period

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

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.

Third Offence and Any Further Offence 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 parent's future DBS certificate due to "failure to safeguard a child's education"