

## Hawes Side Academy

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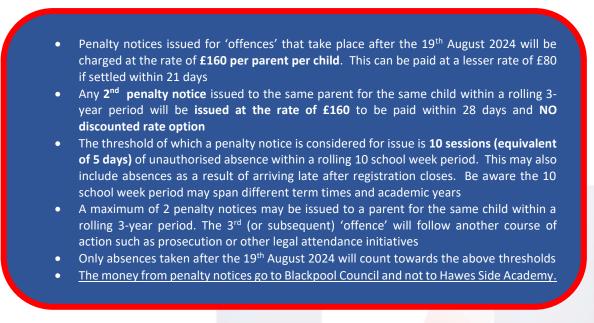
(Registration No.8161246)

17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Important Information for Parents/Carers Changes to Education Related Penalty Notices

You may be aware that the Department of Education has recently announced national changes to the penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences during school term time. *These changes take effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.* 

Important changes to be aware of:



To summarise, Blackpool Council will seek to issue notices from the  $19^{th}$  August 2024. They will be issued on the basis that a child has missed 5 days during an academic term time (unauthorised absence) and these can also include late marks, where a child arrives after the register closes. The rate is £160 per parent per child. You can receive a penalty notice if absences occur within a 10-week rolling school period and these rolling periods can carry over into terms and academic years.

## Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of learning will mean missing 25 hours of learning which could impact on their potential for educational growth and cause gaps in their knowledge Every day matters!

Any further information can be obtained from Blackpool Council. Contact information can be found by using this link <u>School attendance (blackpool.gov.uk)</u>

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