

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 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 was absent

Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

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.

Third/Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

For the 3rd Time an offence of unauthorised Term Time absence, a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to a Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset and 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.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

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

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

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

Further Information

Please visit the gov.uk website for further information regarding the new National Framework or speak to Miss Garside or Mrs Regan in the Attendance Team.