



## 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.

#### 1ST OFFENCE

### 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.

#### 2ND OFFENCE

### 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.**

#### 3RD OFFENCE