

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ABSENCE 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 for unauthorised absence that occurs after 19th August 2024.

Per parent, per child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: three siblings absent for term time leave will result in **each** parent receiving three **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 when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

5 consecutive days of term time leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term leave of 5 or more consecutive days and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.



Penalty Notice fines will be considered where there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10 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 when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third Offence

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or Irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' Court.