



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

FIRST OFFENCE

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The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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The second time a penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

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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 a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.



10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

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