



ATTENDANCE

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING.

With the introduction of a National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force after 19th August 2024.

5 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF TERM TIME LEAVE

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days; Inset 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 where there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD

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

For 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 if paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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 if paid within 28 days.

THIRD OFFENCE & ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (within 3 years)

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