

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOLS ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for penalty notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period:
A penalty notice may be considered/issued when a child has had 10 sessions* of unauthorised absence in a 10 school week period.

*Please note there are 2 Sessions per day AM/PM

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent, per child.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines (£960)

PER PARENT, PER CHILD

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday and / or irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged by the local authority at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**** of the issue, **reducing to £80** if paid within **21 days**

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first notice, the second penalty notice will be charged by the local authority at:

£160 if paid within **28 days** (no reduced fee for paying early)

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the first offence)

**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in parental prosecution.

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the first offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure.

If found guilty of the offence of '**Failure to send a child to school**' the Magistrates can impose a fine of up to **£2500**. And will show on a parental DBS certificate.

