

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance Are Changing

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. No reduction.

Third Offence and 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 Courts can show on a parent's DBS certificate, due to the failure to safeguard a child's education.

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

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

These changes come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.