

Penalty Notice Fines For school attendance are changing!

The Department for Education have made the following changes to pupils' absence from the 1st of September 2024

1.

First Term Time Holiday or irregular unauthorised attendance

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular unauthorised 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

2.

Second term time holiday or irregular unauthorised attendance (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular unauthorised Attendance the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 day. There will be no reduced rate.

3.

Third term time holiday or irregular unauthorised attendance (with 3 years)

On the third occasion of a Term Time Leave or Irregular unauthorised Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court and fines can be issued of up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's DBS Certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Just 10 Sessions 5 days absence

Just 10 sessions (5 Days) Penalty Notice Fines can be issued by the Local Authority when there have been 10 unauthorised absences within a 10-week period (this is just 5 school days). Please work with us by ensuring regular communication, providing medical evidence for absences and avoiding term-time holidays.

These changes have been made by the Department for Education. Further information can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-attendance