

# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued from September 2024.

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## 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.

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## 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 to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

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## 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 Court can show on a Parents 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 has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.