

# School penalty notice fines for attendance changes from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or low attendance the amount will be:

£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

£160 per parent per child when paid within 28 days.

## Second offence

**(within a rolling 3-year period)**

£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days.

## Third offence (and any further offences within rolling 3 years)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> time a Penalty Notice is issued the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Fines of up to £2500 per parent per child can be issued.

**Note:** Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show up on parents future DBS certificates as a failure to safeguard a child's education

## 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days if there was intent to be absent for term time.

The LA can issue fines for less than 5 days, under certain circumstances.

## 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 - week period

## **Per parent per child**

Penalty notice fines will be issued to each parent (including step parents) for each absent child.

For example, 3 siblings absent for leave during term time will result in each parent receiving three separate fines.