

# School Penalty Notices for Attendance are Changing from August 2024

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With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for all those issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

## Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice are issued to each parent, for each absent child.

**For Example:** 2 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 2 separate Penalty Notices.

## Third Offence

(Within 3 years)

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued for leave in Term Time or irregular attendance, the case will be presented to the Magistrates Court, where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be imposed.

**Note:** Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.

## First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

**This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.**

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

Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-school week period.

These Absences can be late after register closes, Unauthorised Absences and Unauthorised Term Time leave absences. They can also be a combination of any of the above.

## Second Offence

(Within 3 Years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be **£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.**

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority on the instruction from the School/Academy, in line with the Department for Education legislation. Once issued these cannot be withdrawn.