

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HAVE CHANGED



With the Government introducing the new National Framework for Penalty Notices earlier this year, the following changes to Penalty Notice Fines came into effect in August.

5 consecutive days (10 sessions) of term-time leave or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period
Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of five or more consecutive days or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

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 paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

**IN SCHOOL, ON TIME,
EVERY DAY**

**MOMENTS MATTER,
ATTENDANCE COUNTS**

Second Offence (within three 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 within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third Offence (within the same three 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 the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.