



'Excellence for every child, every day'

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance has Changed

With the introduction of the new National Framework for penalty notices last September and with the new academic year upon us this is a reminder of the penalty notices that are now in place.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

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.

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 paid within 28 days

5 consecutive days of term time leave

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

10 sessions 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.

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 the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

If your child has had any unauthorised absences this academic year this will be carry onto next academic year and the year after. Your Child's attendance also follows them onto any secondary school or any other school.

If you have any concerns regarding your Child's attendance please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Naylor Attendance Lead