

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



THERE ARE NEW RULES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES, WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO HOLIDAY, IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE, OR OTHERWISE. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES CAME INTO FORCE 19TH AUGUST 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.

Case 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.



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If you're worried about your child's attendance, get in touch with our attendance team:

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