

Changes to School Attendance Rules

Penalty Notice Fines for School Non-Attendance are Changing from
August 2024

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.

Per Parent, Per Child

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

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

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.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued 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'.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for unauthorised 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 is 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.

1 day = 2 sessions