

# Penalty Notice Fines for School attendance are changing

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

With the introduction of a new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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

## 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

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of five or more consecutive days.

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Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a ten-week period.

## Second offence

(within 3 years of the issue of first penalty notice)

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

## Third offence and any further offences

(within 3 years of the issue of first penalty notice)

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.