

School penalty notice fines for attendance changes from 19th August 2024

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or low attendance the amount will be:

£80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

£160 per parent per child when paid within 28 days.

Second offence

(within a rolling 3-year period)

£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days.

Third offence (and any further offences within rolling 3 years)

The 3rd time a Penalty Notice is issued the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Fines of up to £2500 per parent per child can be issued.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show up on parents future DBS certificates as a failure to safeguard a child's education

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

The LA can issue fines for less than 5 days, under certain circumstances.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 - week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This can go over school holidays.

Per parent per child

Penalty notice fines will be issued to each parent (including step parents) for each absent child.

For example, 3 siblings absent for leave during term time will result in each parent receiving three separate fines.