

### **Attendance Matters**

# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

#### **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.

## 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

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after

19th August 2024

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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, alternative action will need to be taken.

This can include prosecution with fines of up to £2500 or other attendance legal interventions. Prosecutions can lead to a criminal record.

#### 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.