



Education Penalty Notice Changes coming into force for fines issued after 19th August 2024

5 Consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for 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 was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 Sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period

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

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 paid within 28 days

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.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now 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.