

New Government Guidelines mean that all schools MUST consider issuing Penalty Notice Fines when there have been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.



The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024;

1. **First Offence;** The First time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave and unauthorized absences 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

2. Second Offence (within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or unauthorized absences the amount will be; £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.
No reduced rate to be offered.

3. Third Offence and any further offences within 3 years. The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or unauthorized absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Magistrates fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts.