



## **Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!**

**With the introduction of The National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

<b>Per Parent, Per Child</b>	<b>First Offence</b>
Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.	The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of 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

### **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 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

### **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 parents future DBS certificate, due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.