

## Attendance is Changing

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

### Per Parent(s) per Child – Leave of absence (Holiday)

A Penalty Notice is issued for each child that was absent to the parent or parents who took them on the Leave.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in the parent(s) receiving 3 fines in total



### 5 days (10 sessions) or more of term time Leave of absence

Penalty Notices will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more days in a block or over a 10 week period.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period for Irregular attendance

Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority when there has been 10 sessions or more of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This will be part of a joint formal attendance procedure including a three week 'Notice to Improve' having been issued and not complied with.



### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be

£160 per child paid within 28 days

Reduced to £80 per child if paid within 21 days



### Second Offence (within a rolling 3 year period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

A flat £160 per child paid within 28 days



### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within a 3 year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a 3<sup>rd</sup> Penalty Notice cannot be issued to the same parent for the same child. The case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Courts. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child

**Cases found guilty in a Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS Certificate as it is a criminal offence to fail to ensure a child's regular attendance at the school where they are a registered pupil**