



**With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.**

National Threshold (10 sessions in 10 weeks)		Per Parent, Per Child				
<p>There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.</p>		<p>Penalty Notice Fines are issued to <b>each parent, for each child</b> that was absent.</p> <p>For example 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.</p>				
Instance	A Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:	Penalty per Child				
		1	2	3	4	5
First Offence	£160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days, <b>reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</b>	£80	£160	£240	£320	£400
Second Offence (Within 3 Years)	£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.	£160	£320	£480	£640	£800
Third Offence and Any Future 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. The case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Other actions such as parenting orders will also be considered. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education (educational neglect).	£2,500	£5,000	£7,500	£10,000	£12,500