



## Penalty Notice Fines

The government have introduced the new National Framework for Penalty Notice Fines. The changes outlined below will come into force for fines issued after the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### These will be issued for:

- **5 whole days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.**
- **10 half-days unauthorised absence in a 10-week period**

### What is Unauthorised absence?

- Holiday in term-time
- Failing to inform the school your child will not be attending that day
- No evidence of a child's illness or reason for absence
- Collecting your child early for an appointment without medical evidence

### First offence:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- **£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days**
- This is reduced to £80 per child if paid within 21 days

### Second Offence (within 3 years):

- The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be **£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days**

### Third Offence and Further Offences (within 3 years):

- The third time an offence is committed the case will be presented to the **Magistrates Court**. Fines can be **up to £2,500 per parent, per child**.
- Cases found guilty can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to "failure to safeguard a child's education".