

From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices will apply.

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent, per child.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving three separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 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 ten school week period can span over different terms.

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First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for a term time holiday or irregular school attendance the penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 day.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days.

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Second Offence

(within 3 years of the first offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the first notice, the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices after 28 days may result in prosecution)

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Third Offence and any further Offences

(within 3 years of the first offence)

The third time that an offence is committed for either a term time holiday and/or irregular attendance, a penalty notice will be issued, the case may proceed straight to prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure.

If found guilty of 'failure to secure their child's regular attendance at a school, the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.00.