

# Fixed Penalty Notices for school absence is changing

## First Offence

The first time a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance:

**£160** per parent per child if paid within **28** days

**£80** per parent per child if paid within **21** days

The following changes will come into force for all Fixed Penalty Notices issued after the **19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

## 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Fixed Penalty Notices will be considered where there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

## Second Offence

The second time a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance:

**£160** per parent per child to be paid within **28** days.

**No reduced rate will be offered**

## Third Offence and any further offences within three years

No further Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued for term time leave or irregular attendance.

The case will be presented straight to magistrates court.

Magistrates fines can be **up to £2500 per parent per child.**

Cases found guilty in magistrates court can show up on parent's future DBS certificate, due to neglect of the child's education