

# Penalty Notice Fines for Attendance is changing

NEW CHANGES FROM 19TH AUGUST 2024

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## 1st OFFENCE

The first time a penalty notice is given for absence, the cost will be:

**£160 per parent, per child.**

This will be £80 if paid within 21 days.

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## 2nd OFFENCE (within 3 years)

The second time a penalty notice is given for absence, the cost will be:

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

No reduced rate offered.

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## 3 OR MORE OFFENCES (within 3 years)

If a third penalty notice is given for absence, you will not get a penalty notice. The case will be presented to the Magistrate's Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to **£2,500 per parent**, per child.

Guilty cases can show on parents' future DBS certificates, due to not safeguarding a child's education.

## 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there's been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. This means 5 full days. Being more than 30 minute late to school will count as 1 session of unauthorised absence.



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