

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

Information for Amberley parents/carers



Penalty notice fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

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First offence:

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

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Second offence (within 3 years):

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

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Third offence and any further 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, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Please follow this link for the DfE Parent Guide and for the full publication which came into force on 19th August 2024:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance