PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In August 2024, the government introduced a new National Framework for issuing Penalty Notices for 'Unauthorised Leave of Absence' (previously known as holidays) and any unauthorised absence of **10 sessions in any rolling period of 10 school weeks...**



Per Parent, Per Child...

Penalty Notices will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

FOR EXAMPLE:

3 siblings absent for term time leave
Each parent receiving 3 separate fines

(5 school days = 10 sessions (AM & PM marks)



First Offence...

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or Irregular school attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

REDUCED to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

(5 school days = 10 sessions (AM & PM marks)



Second Offence (within a 3 year period)...

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave of absence or Irregular school attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
(PLEASE NOTE - there is no option for a reduced amount on a second offence)

(5 school days = 10 sessions (AM & PM marks)



Third Offence (within a 3 year period)...

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave of absence or Irregular school attendance (within a 3 year period) by the same parent, for the same child a Penalty Notice **WILL NOT** be issued and the case will be referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare Service for **PROSECUTION which may result in fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child**

Cases found guilty in a Magistrates court can show on a parents future DBS certificate

(5 school days = 10 sessions (AM & PM marks)



5 consecutive days of term time absence from school...

Penalty Notices may also be issued for any term time absences that are unauthorised .Whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks.

5 school days = 10 sessions (AM & PM) marks

All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to inform the school of their child's absence (everyday) and the reasons why as this will impact which codes are used.

Additional Information:..

Improving a child's school attendance is important for everyone. We are aware there may be different barriers to a child accessing their education and sometimes these can be wide and complex. We at BLC are dedicated to offering a supportive approach, working together with families, external partners/agencies and the local authority to provide a wider-holistic approach.

Parental/Carer engagement is strongly encouraged to ensure the right support is in place and we can address any root causes for a child's poor attendance.

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