

Westdale Infant School

Penalty Notice Fines for school attendance are changing.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into place at Westdale Infant School from Monday 4th November 2024.



PER PARENT, PER CHILD.



Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for Term Time Leave would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of **5 or more consecutive days**.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there are 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. A school day is made up of 2 sessions- morning and afternoon.

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 paid within 28 days. Reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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 paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and any other 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. Fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

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

