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Attendance Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents and carers who ensure that their child(ren) attend school regularly and on time every day. Attendance at school every day (190 days per academic year) enables children to do their very best.

Where a child does not attend school, they miss out on significant hours of learning opportunities (broadly calculated as 5 hours for every two sessions - missed morning and afternoon). This places a child at significant risk of falling behind their peers.

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days of Absence per Year	Learning Hours Lost per Year
<u>Excellent</u> Children are accessing all learning opportunities	100% 99%	190 days 188 days	0 days 2 days	0 10
<u>Good</u> A few opportunities are missed	98% 97% 96%	186 days 184 days 182.5 days	4 days 6 days 7.5 days	20 30 37.5
<u>Cause for Concern</u> Risk of underachievement	95% 94% 93% 92% 91%	180.5 days 179 days 177 days 175 days 173 days	9.5 days 11 days 13 days 15 days 17 days	47.5 55 65 75 85
<u>Persistently absent</u> (90% and below) attendance needs to improve Severe risk of underachievement	90% 89% 88% 87%	171 days 169 days 167 days 165 days	19 days 21 days 23 days 25 days	95 105 115 125
<u>Serious cause for concern</u> Extreme risk of underachievement	86%	163 days	27 days	135



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices (August 2024), the following changes have come into force for Penalty Notice Fines.

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. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

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

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 Further Offences

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 the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Useful website in case your child is ill:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you need support with attendance for your child, please contact Mrs Phillips or Mrs Cowlshaw on 0114 2467396.

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