

New attendance rules!

The Local Authority and our school are required to implement the new attendance rules. Don't get caught out!

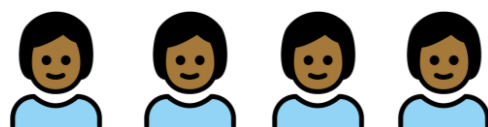
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I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised, and you must let the school know before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days, it will be reduced to £80.



For each child a penalty is given...

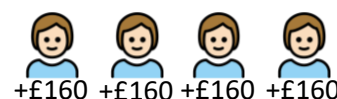
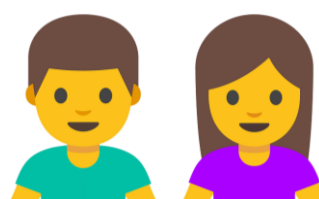


+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 4 children



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What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, then...

2nd TIME

2 parents and...

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1280

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME

A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

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What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

YES

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

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What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport

Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
Family holidays

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.



EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW