



## Attendance is changing from September 2024 for penalty fines

With the introduction of the new national framework for penalty notices, the following changes will come into effect for all Nottingham City schools from August 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### Per parent, Per child.

Penalty notice fines will be issued to each parent/carer, for each child that is absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines (6 fines in total).

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

Inset 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 have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

The morning counts as one session and the afternoon as one session e.g. 1 day = 2 sessions.

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/carer, per child paid within 28 days.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, a parenting order may be put in place or the case will be presented straight to the magistrate's court. Magistrate's fines can be up to £2500 per parent/carer, per child.