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Dear Parents/Carers

Important information regarding Attendance and Penalty Notice Fines

The Government are changing the process for Penalty Notice Fines. **The changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.** Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period. The fine will be increasing as per the below flow chart. We are in the process of amending our Attendance and Punctuality policy to reflect the changes.

First offence – The 1st time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the fine will be; £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. This will be 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 fine will be; £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

Third offence and any further 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.

Magistrates can issue fines of up to £2500 per parent per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stamp

Headteacher

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

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The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

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