

# MOMENTS MATTER,

# ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

With the introduction of the new [National Framework for Penalty Notices](#), the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Please be aware that this is a national framework and is not unique to our school.

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

For example: If 3 siblings are absent, it would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

## 5 days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period (this used to be 10 days)

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for unauthorised Term Time Leave of 5 or more days within a 10-week period. Each school day is split into two sessions (morning/afternoon) so this is 10 sessions.

## First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a fine of £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

## Second offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a fine of £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

## Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed, a Penalty Notice will not be issued. Instead, the case will be presented straight to 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.