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News Sheet

Discussion topic: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr Seuss

10th May, 2024

Dates for your diary:-

Wednesday 22nd May –
Carlton Lodge residential
parent/carer meeting
Thursday 23rd May – 3pm
– School closes for the
half term for children
Friday 24th May – INSET
day – school closes for
children
Monday 3rd June – School
reopens after half term
break

Please find further
information re:
attendance changes to
the right. This is not my
document so I apologise if
quality is not very good
however it provides
headline information
from the statutory
documents from August
2024 [here](#). A new school
attendance policy will be
produced to reflect this
guidance.

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

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 (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, per child paid within 28 days.

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' 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'.

"Let all that you do be done in love"