



# Hadrian Primary School



## Every School Day Matters

### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance

Under the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes have come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

#### Per Parent, Per Child

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

For example, 2 siblings with unauthorised absence during term time may result in each parent being issued with one penalty notice per child.

#### First Time 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, within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days.

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

#### Second Offence

(within 3 years from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)

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

(within 3 years from the date of issue of the first penalty notice)

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.

This is a criminal offence and a parent may end up with a criminal record.