

Changes to Truancy Penalty Notices (TPNS) for non-school attendance

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced a new National Framework for Truancy Penalty Notices taking effect from 19 August 2024. This framework is designed to ensure a more consistent approach across the country. The IW Code of Conduct can be viewed on our website at [iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance/school-attendance/](https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance/school-attendance/)

Per parent, per child

Truancy Penalty Notices (TPNs) will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent from school without prior approval by the school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate TPNs.

5 days of term time leave

Truancy Penalty Notices (TPNs) will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more days which have not been authorised by the school.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Truancy Penalty Notices (TPNs) will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

First period of unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more (within a rolling three-year period).

The first time a Truancy Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence from school the cost will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days, reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.

Second period of unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more (within a rolling three-year period).

The second time a TPN is issued for unauthorised absence from school the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third period of unauthorised absence of 10 sessions (5 days) or more (within a rolling three-year period).

For a third period of unauthorised absence a TPN will not be issued, and the case will be presented to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

The Education Welfare Service works with families experiencing attendance issues. If you are struggling with your child's attendance (other than holidays) and need support, please contact the team 01983 823151 or EWS@iow.gov.uk.

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