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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 (if 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 parents' future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



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