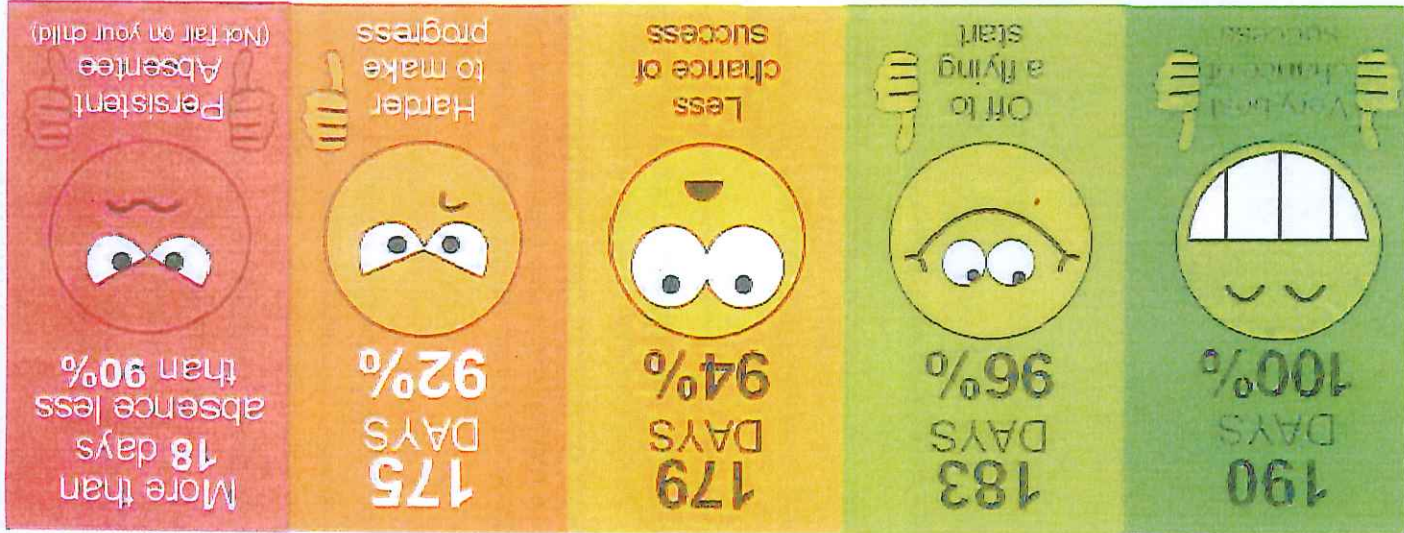


There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



Your Legal Responsibility

If your child does not attend school regularly (Over 90%) the Local Authority can take action against you. This can be through a Fixed Penalty Notice (Fine) or a summons to appear at Magistrates' Court.

What is a Fixed Penalty Notice?

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced legislation for Local Authorities to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents/carers of Pupils who have unauthorised absences from school.

A Penalty Notice Fine can be issued for two reasons:

1. if holidays are taken in term time and the child is away from school for a total of 10 sessions (5 Days) or more.
2. if a pupil has unauthorised absence from school and their parent/carer fails to co-operate with school staff and/or other professionals to improve the situation.

What are the Fines?

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 and should be paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (Within a 3 year period):

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child without the chance of a reduction.

Third Offence (Within a 3 year Period):

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Absence 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.



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