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 person receiving 3 separate fines (6 in total)

OAKS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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 an intent to be absent for term time leave.

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

1ST 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

2ND 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 with 28 days

3RD 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 referred 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.'