



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Education Legal Intervention Team: Actions and Fines

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**Turves Green
Boys' School**
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Dear Parent/Carer

The importance of regular school attendance and our commitment to supporting both pupils and their families has been communicated with you throughout the academic year. Our school works closely with the local authority's Education Legal Intervention Team. This partnership requires us to notify them when, despite our support, there are instances of irregular attendance or unauthorised absences during term time, with no signs of improvement. Should such situations arise, the Education Legal Intervention Team intervenes, initiating legal proceedings to address the matter.

We must inform the school community about the actions taken by the Education Legal Intervention Team to address attendance concerns. Below is a summary of recent actions and fines imposed:

Leave In Term Time Fines:

In total, sixteen Fixed Penalty Notices of £60 per child per parent were issued to thirteen families. Three of the families failed to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice, which result in the fines being increased to £120 per child per parent.

If a £60 Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within 21 days, it increases to £120 for a further 7 days. Reminders to pay are NOT sent. If payment is not then received, the Local Authority withdraws the Fixed Penalty Notice and a case is prepared for Court for the original offence under Section 444 (1) of the 1996 Education Act.

The following cases were escalated after the matter was addressed in court:

- Family 1 Total fine £701.00
- Family 2 Total fine £1,317.00
- Family 3 Total fine £1,009.00

Inconsistent School Attendance:

In total, two Fixed Penalty Notices of £60 were issued to two families.

If a £60 Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within 21 days, it increases to £120 for a further 7 days. Reminders to pay are NOT sent. If payment is not then received, the Local Authority withdraws the Fixed Penalty Notice and a case is prepared for Court for the original offence under Section 444 (1) of the 1996 Education Act.

As a school dedicated to maximising our pupils' potential, we are always ready to listen, understand, and support. However, we will not tolerate irregular attendance patterns.



Should you wish to discuss this matter further or have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of House as the first point of contact.

Yours faithfully



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