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Re: Truancy Penalty Notices

Dear Parents/Carers,

We recently shared information with you about unauthorised absences, what these mean and what they can lead to. We explained that, in some cases, these can lead to fines.

Historically, fines are often associated with term time holidays, however this is not the only time that fines can be processed. When children are absent for 5 days/10 sessions or more and these absences are 'unauthorised' a truancy penalty notice can be processed.

This is not something that we have actively used before as we would much prefer to engage in supportive measure to reduce the barriers to attendance. However, we are seeing an increasing number of children regularly absent, logged as unauthorised, where families are not engaging with the support offer. We are seeing many parents/carers not attend the arranged meetings with our Attendance Officer, Emma Hallam. It is in these cases, where home and school collaborative working isn't evident, we are likely to now start implementing truancy penalty notices.

If you would like to read further information about these fines, please follow the link:
[Truancy•Salford City Council](#)

If you want to read more about the impact poor attendance can have, please follow this link: [Miss School, Miss Out – Back to school in September•Salford City Council](#)

As always, we are here to help in any way that we can.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Crowther (Family Liaison Officer).

Miss Kearsley.