

Holy Family Catholic Primary, A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Kirton Lane, Stainforth, Doncaster DN7 5BL

Learning together, Playing together, Praying together



21st June 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

RE: Holiday Fixed Penalty Notices

You may be aware of the Department of Education's initiative to improve attendance and the government's concern regarding pupils not attending school on a regular basis. As a result, new legislation has been issued to local authorities for them to share with schools and academies. Please see below an important notice taking affect during the summer.

New legislation introduced by the Government relating to school attendance, which will begin on 19th August 2024. These changes relate to fixed penalty notices for unauthorised holidays taken in term time in which the school is required to adhere to.

The **PENALTY NOTICE** for school absences across the country will be charged at **£160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD** if paid within 28 days. This will reduce to **£80 PER PARENT, PER CHILD** if paid within 21 days.

If a parent receives a **SECOND PENALTY NOTICE** for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the flat rate of **£160 PER PARENT, PER CHILD** if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction if paid earlier.

A parent **will not** be issued a third fine for the same child within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other attendance legal interventions will be considered. This may be an Attendance Contract, an Education Supervision Order, or a Prosecution.

It is also important to note that these fines are issued by the local authority, and the school cannot reverse a penalty notice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Ms C McFadden

Head of School