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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you on behalf of all schools within Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust. As some of you may be aware, the new statutory legislation for all schools; Working together to improve school attendance comes into force from 19th August 2024.

This legislation has been put in place by the Department for Education as statutory legislation that all schools must adhere to. It is to ensure that schools are meeting the expectations that are required to remove any barriers to regular school attendance by working with children and parents/carers.

I would like to make you aware that the cost of a Penalty Notice is increasing from September 2024 as well as a new capped criteria at the number of fines that can be issued per parent. Please see below:

The penalty notice for school absences across the country will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days, this will reduce to £80 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 if paid within 28 days (no reduction if paid earlier).

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period for the same child. Once this limit has been reached, other actions may be considered such as prosecution, implementation of an attendance contract or an Education Supervision Order.

If you have any questions about these changes, please speak to your child's school attendance team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Allison
Education Welfare Officer



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