



For those that are eligible, that **did not** receive vouchers, have had additional children join our school since the last vouchers were sent, or that have questions, please read the below.

*My child is not entitled to free school meals – should I complete the form anyway?*  
No – the data is checked against that received from the local authority and your response will be deleted and reported.

*I received vouchers for May half term 2024, from NUSA – should I still complete the form?*

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for May half term 2024, you will automatically receive them for Summer 2024. Reapplying **will** cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them for May, you will be included automatically for Summer. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that has joined year 7 for example. In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

*My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA over May half term 2024, how do I receive them for Summer 2024?*

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

*If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?*

Midnight on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024. We know that there is a short turnaround on this, as we have only recently received this information ourselves – if you have any issues meeting this deadline then please do contact us.

*What is the value of the vouchers?*

£50, per eligible child.

*I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?*

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

*When will I receive the vouchers?*

Vouchers will be issued before 4pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### **National changes to attendance:**

The importance of regular school attendance cannot be stressed enough. We are aiming next year for pupils to have an attendance target of 95% and above which equates to a pupil missing no more than 9 days of education throughout the school year. If your child has any barriers preventing them from attending or you have any questions please contact your child's Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager or Attendance Team for support.

From the start of term, the new Department for Education "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" framework comes into effect. These changes affect all schools and Local Authorities nationally. A summary of key points for "penalty notices" are in the graphic below.

I wish you and your families a fantastic summer. See you on the other side!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Turton'.

Mr Matthew Turton  
Headteacher



## **Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!**

**With the introduction of The National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

<b>Per Parent/Carer, Per Child</b>	<b>First Offence</b>
<p>Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	<p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 consecutive days of term time leave</b></p> <p>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 intent to be absent for term time leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</b></p> <p>Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Second Offence (Within 3 years)</b></p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent/carer, per child paid within 28 days</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b></p> <p>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 presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent/carer, per child</p>	

