Fixed Penalty Notice – a guide for schools











Handbook

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This guide will show you how to fill in a fixed penalty notice for a child at your school. It covers how to use the system, how the process works and helpful hints and tips.

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Before logging in for the first time you will need to have set up an account.

Instructions on how to do this will be sent separately. Contact the FPN team (details on the back page) if you need further help.

The portal address is https://connect.suffolk.gov.uk/restricted/fpn

which should take you to the screen below



Click 'Suffolk Partner Portal Log In' to begin the sign in process.....



Important : you must enter your portal account username in this box e.g. Your.Name@suffolk.partners Click 'Next' to move on to the password screen. This will be the one you set up originally. If you've forgotten it you can reset it here using the 'forgotten my password' link. You will also be told if your password has expired and you need to reset it.

Microsoft	ČŤ	
test	@suffolk.partners	
Enter password		
Password		
Back	Sign in	
Forgotten my password		

After entering your password click 'Sign in' to complete the final step of the process.

Suffolk Secure Authentication Portal

For security reasons, we require additional information to verify your account

We've sent a text message with a verification code. +xx xxxxx6503

Verification code

You will now receive a text message or call (on the number you initially provided) with a verification code which will allow you access to the system. Please enter it here and click 'sign in' to complete the log in process.

Sign In

After logging in to the system the first screen you should see is the one below.

Fixed Penalty Notices

Fixed Penalty Notices

Missing Certificat	ites. You need to uplid d Filters and select "N	oad attendance certifcates for 29 pupils b Not uploaded" under the Attendance certi	pefore the FPNs ca ficate heading to	an be issued. view the FPNs	which require	e attention	
To create a new FPI Create new FPN	N click on the CREAT	FE NEW FPN button.					
Advanced Filters +						Search	Q
Number ↑	Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded ↑	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	
FPN20381	29/03/2018	Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	Issued pending early payment	•
FPN20380	29/03/2018	Parenty 6	Lemon Sherbert	No	No	Issued pending early payment	

By default this will be a list of All (your) FPN's. You can click on any of the column headers to order these FPN's in various ways. The ones below are filtered in descending date order with the newest at the top...

≣ All FPNs -						Search	۹
Number	Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	
FPN20371	4/04/2018	Alastair Burnett	Fred Bassett	No	No	Issued pending early payment	
FPN20379	29/03/2018	Parenty 5	Pear Drop	No	No	Issued pending early payment	
FPN20380	29/03/2018	Parenty 6	Lemon Sherbert	No	No	Issued pending early payment	
FPN20381	29/03/2018	Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	lssued pending early payment	
FPN20368	29/03/2018	Candy Cane	Space Dust	No	No	lssued pending early payment	

You can also use the Advanced Filters + button to sort these FPN's in various ways. Clicking on it will open the following list...

Stat	us Reason		Date	eissued	Atte	endance certificate	P	aus	sed
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Clicking on any of these drop downs and using the 'Apply Filter' button will bring up a selection of FPN's that match these parameters. Below you can see that I've applied the filter to view all FPN's that have outstanding certificates as per the message on the previous screen...

Advanced Filters -							
Date issued	Attendance V Not	uploaded T	Paused	•			Apply Filter
≣ All FPNs -						Search	Q
Number	Date issued ↓	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	
FPN20371	4/04/2018	Alastair Burnett	Fred Bassett	No	No	lssued pending e payment	early 💿
FPN20379	29/03/2018	Parenty 5	Pear Drop	No	No	lssued pending e payment	early 💿
FPN20380	29/03/2018	Parenty 6	Lemon Sherbert	No	No	lssued pending e payment	early 💿
FPN20381	29/03/2018	Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	Issued pending e payment	early 💿

All of the filters in here work in the same way so if you want to see all FPN's you've issued in the last week you can etc... Please be aware though that the more filters you apply the more restrictive the results will be. You can apply more than 1 at once!

You can also use the	Search	Q	box to look up a
record.			

You can search for names, FPN numbers and status reasons.

If you want to search on partial text then use the asterisk (*) key to do a wildcard search e.g. typing *raw to search for the surname 'Rawson' should still bring back results....



It will bring back everything that contains the word 'raw' in one of the searchable columns. In this instance all the records containing the surname 'Rawson' and/or the status reason 'Withdrawal requested' have been revealed

Advanced Filters +						
≣ Active FPNs+					*raw	Q
Number 🛧	Date issued	Parent issued to	Has ever been paused	Status	Reason	
FPN20093	16/03/2018	Mark Rawson	No	Notice	to court	۲
FPN20083	16/03/2018	Parenty McParentface	No	Withdr	awal requested	•
FPN20051	15/03/2018	Nigel Havers	Yes	Withdr	awal requested	•
FPN20050	15/03/2018	Nigel Havers	No	Withdr	awal requested	•
FPN20039		Nellie Elephant	No	Withdr	awal requested	•
FPN20022		Mark Rawson	No	Ready	to be issued	۲

Bear this in mind when using the 'search' function.

Another thing to be mindful of is which list you are currently looking at. By default you will be in the All FPN's list but you can change this to view only the Active FPN's, the Closed FPN's and the Rejected FPN's lists which can aid you with your searches...

	Advanced Filters +							
1	≣ All FPNs -						Search	Q
	All FPNs Active FPNs Closed FPNs) Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded ↑	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	
	Rejected FPNs	29/03/2018	Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	lssued pending early payment	•
	FPN20380	29/03/2018	Parenty 6	Lemon Sherbert	No	No	lssued pending early payment	•
	FPN20379	29/03/2018	Parenty 5	Pear Drop	No	No	lssued pending early payment	•
	FPN20378	1/03/2018	parenty 4	Jelly Bean	No	No	Not paid - final warning	•
	FPN20376	16/02/2018	Parenty 3	chewy sweet	No	No	Notice to court	•
	FPN20375		Parenty 2	Flying Saucer	No	No	Refused	•
	FPN20374	13/02/2018	Tony Tiger	Sherbert Dip	Yes	No	Notice to court	•
	FPN20373		Rice Krispy	Marsh Mallow	No	No	Duplicate fine this academic year	•
	FPN20372		Alastair Burnett	Fred Bassett	No	No	Duplicate fine this academic year	•
	FPN20371	4/04/2018	Alastair Burnett	Fred Bassett	No	No	Issued pending early payment	۲

The column headers, advance filter and search box will work the same regardless of which list you are viewing. Although do note that some of the advance filter selections might not be applicable to the list you are viewing e.g. you won't return any results by applying the status reason 'ready to be issued' in the Closed FPN's list.

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To create a new FPN, click on the bring up the screen below...

Create new FPN

button to

Create an FPN Request

Lookup Records

Absence Details Data Accuracy Statement			
You must select at least one pupil from the column on the lei column on the right. An FPN will be issued to EACH parent FPNs will be issued. You can select a maximum of 4 pupils a additional form.	ft and one parent (for simplicity on the right for EACH pupil in th and 2 parents. if you need to is:	the word "Parent" here includes any adult with responsibility for the pupil) from the ie left selected. For example, if you have selected 2 pupils and 2 parents a total of 4 sue FPNs to more than two parents for the same pupils you can do so by submitting a	n
PUPILS		PARENTS	
Pupil 1 *		Parent 1 *	
	Q		۹
+ Add new line		Parent 2	
Create New Durit Record			۹
Cleare New Pupil Record			
ABOUT THE ABSENCE		Create New Parent Record	
Absence start date *			
	#		
Absence end date *			
	#		
Absence start date is a required field.			
	Q		
Absence end date is a required field.			

If the pupil is already in the system then use the magnifying glass to look them up. As before you can search on their name or UPN and you can do a partial search using the asterisk (*) key

Search Q Full Name Unique Pupil Number Date of birth First name 🛧 Last name 🛧 A11111111234 2/02/2007 Tony Tony Bertie Bassett Bassett A000000333445 13/03/2013 Bertie Blackfriars Bobby H736373837367 11/06/2008 Blackfriars Bobby Charlotte Charlotteson H456456456456 10/04/2012 Charlotte Charlotteson

After selecting the pupil you will need to do the same for the parent. Note : there will be 1 FPN issued to each parent/pupil combination.

To add additional pupils in the same family click on the + Add new line box. You can add up to 4 pupils.

Once you've added the pupils and parents you will need to add in the absence dates and select the school term. Note : The absence must start and end on a weekday.

PUPILS				PARENTS		
Pupil 1 *				Parent 1 *		
Bertie Bassett	:	×	۹	Dotty Day	×	Q
Pupil 2				Parent 2		
Blackfriars Bobby	;	×	Q	Nigel Havers	×	۹
+ Add new line						
Create New Pupil Record				Create New Parent Record		
ABOUT THE ABSENCE						
Absence start date *						
Absend	ce start date is a required		Ē			
Absence end date *	ileu.					
Absen	ce end date is a required		Ê	/		
School term *	, field.					
			۹			
Use the 🛗	icon to look up	d	ate	es and the 🔍 icon to look i	ın	
the term		G			~ 12	
the term.						
Click Next	to move on fro	m	ו th	lis page		

If the absence period is older than 15 days you will then be taken to the 'Late Submission' box and asked to provide a reason for the delay in reporting the absence. After you've entered the reason you might need to click outside the text box to activate the 'Next button

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After submitting this you will arrive on the 'Data Accuracy Statement' page where can review the FPN's you are about to submit. You must be sure to check these are correct before accepting the statement and submitting the FPN(s).

	Clicking on Submit will create the following FPNs.	
	Please review this data for accuracy before submitting the form.	
	Parent: Madeline Day	
	1 x FPN for Bertie Bassett	
	1 x FPN for Blackfriars Bobby	
	Parent: Dotty Day	
	1 x FPN for Bertie Bassett	
	1 x FPN for Blackfriars Bobby	
DATA		
DATA fou must	1 x FPN for Blackfriars Bobby ACCURACY STATEMENT accept the data accuracy statement to continue *	



After pressing 'submit' you should be taken to the confirmation screen below...

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FPN Request Received

You have requested that the following FPNs are issued:

Parent: Madeline Day		
1 x FPN for Bertie Bassett		
1 x FPN for Blackfriars Bobby		
Parent: Dotty Day		
1 x FPN for Bertie Bassett		

1 x FPN for Blackfriars Bobby

Please note that because the absence relating to this request took place over 14 days ago, a member of the team will need to review this request before the FPN can be sent out.

In certain cases, where the pupil is not of mandatory school age or where a fine has already been issued in this academic year, the FPN will not be issued.

The FPN's have now been submitted to the FPN team at SCC for review. You can now track their status from the original FPN screen.

To return to that screen click on the button or on the View FPNs

Fixed Penalty Notices / FPN Request Received breadcrumb trail at the top

of the page. You can also create a new FPN directly from this

screen by clicking Create new FPN

When logging an FPN for a student or pupil who isn't already in the system you will need to create a new record for them. On the 'Absence Details' screen you will see the option to do this for both parents and pupils.

Absence Details Data Accuracy Statement			
You must select at least one pupil from the column on the left and one parent (for sim column on the right. An FPN will be issued to EACH parent on the right for EACH pup FPNs will be issued. You can select a maximum of 4 pupils and 2 parents. if you nee additional form.	plicity pil in th d to iss	the word "Parent" here includes any adult with responsibility for the pupil) from the le left selected. For example, if you have selected 2 pupils and 2 parents a total of 4 sue FPNs to more than two parents for the same pupils you can do so by submitting	an
PUPILS Pupil 1 *		PARENTS Parent 1 *	
	۹		۹
+ Add new line		Parent 2	
Create New Pupil Record			۹
ABOUT THE ABSENCE Absence start date *	(Create New Parent Record	

Clicking on the 'Create New Pupil Record' to bring up this box

Add pupil	5
Pupil Details	
First name	
Last name	
Date of birth *	
Unique Pupil Number *	
Submit	
Submit	
	-
	Close

You will need to provide the :-First Name Last Name Date of Birth Unique Pupil Number and then click 'submit' The pupil should now be in the system and you can add them using the $\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$ icon

Adding a parent/carer works in the same way but the address will also be mandatory so the team knows where to send the FPN notice to.

Add parent	×
	A
Parent Details	
First name *	
Last name *	
Email	
Telephone number	
Address	
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Date of hirth	
Submit	
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	Class
	Close

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ENTER THE CORRECT ADDRESS AS THIS IS WHERE THE FPN NOTICE WILL BE SENT.

IF ISSUING A NOTICE TO AN EXISTING PARENT IN THE SYSTEM BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR OWN RECORDS THAT THE ADDRESS IS STILL CURRENT. IF NOT, PLEASE INFORM THE FPN TEAM WHO CAN CHANGE THIS FOR YOU. Please remember that you must upload a valid registration certificate for **every** FPN issued. The FPN team will not issue a letter to the parents without one.

To upload a certificate click on the arrow to the right of the screen in the status reason box and select 'upload certificate'

Advanced Filters -							
Date issued	Attendan	ot uploaded Triage	Paused	•		Арр	ly Filter
i≣ All FPNs -						Search	Q
Number	Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded	Has ever been paused	Status Reason 🔶	
FPN20341		Custard Donut	Dolly Donut	No	No	Triage	
FPN20342		Custard Donut	Jam Donut	No	No	Triage	View FPN
FPN20343		Sugar Donut	Dolly Donut	No	No	Triage	Withdraw View messages
FPN20345		Custard Donut	Dolly Donut	No	No	Triage	New message
FPN20346		Custard Donut	Jam Donut	No	No	Triage	Upload certificate
FPN20361		Smatie Smart	Cola Bottle	No	No	Triage	0
FPN20382		Barry Bacon	Bruce Bacon	No	No	Triage	•
FPN20383		Barry Bacon	Kevin Bacon	No	No	Triage	

[Note that I have used the advanced filters to reveal all the FPN's that have no certificate uploaded and are in 'triage' status – which means waiting to be process by the FPN Team.

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After clicking on 'upload certificate' the following box will open up...

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Fixed Penalty Notice		
Number *		
FPN20341		
Parent issued to	Regarding Pupil	
Custard Donut	Dolly Donut	
School term	Academic year	
Spring Term	2017/2018	
Absence start date	Absence end date	
20/03/2018	22/03/2018	
Upload certificate of attendance * Browse No files selected.		
Submit		

Click on browse and find the file on your computer. Once selected click 'open' to add the certificate and 'Submit' to attach it to the FPN. You can then close this box and return to the main screen.

The page may need to be refreshed (F5) before you notice that the upload certificate status has changed.

There are a couple of ways for you to send and view messages between to and from the FPN Team. From the main screen you will notice the view messages tab...



Click on this to view all the messages you've sent and received regarding your logged FPN's. By default this will load up the received messages.

FPN Messages

All messages sent between	your school and the Suffolk Count	ty Council FPN Team	
I Received from FPN t	eam∙	Search	Q
Created On 🛧	Regarding FPN	Message	
16/03/2018 4:37 PM	FPN20093	Here's a new message back to you!	٢
8/03/2018 2:35 PM	FPN20002	Hello?	٢
7/03/2018 6:40 PM	FPN20001	fdsfadfdsa	٢

You can order these by date, FPN number or search for a specific FPN using the search bar...

Remember to use the (*) key to wildcard search e.g. *20001 will return FPN200001



From this screen you can also toggle the message view to flick between messages you've sent to the FPN team and messages you've received...



To view the full content of the message (if it's too big for the screen) then click the arrow on the right and select view message to open it up...

FPN Messages

All messages sent between your school and the Suffolk County Council FPN Team

i≣ Sent to FPN team-			Search	Q
Created On 🛧	Regarding FPN	Message		
20/03/2018 2:42 PM	FPN20114	sdadfasfaf	(•
19/03/2018 11:18 AM	FPN20108	Just testing this to make sure we can send a messa without any issues	ge to the FPN team	View Message
19/03/2018 11:13 AM	FPN20002	A message to FPN		
19/03/2018 11:11 AM	FPN20093	sending a message back to FPN		•

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A pop up box should then appear with further details...

Regarding FPN *	Created On	Direction
FPN20108	19/03/2018 11:18 AM	To SCC
Message *		
Just testing this to make sure we	can send a message to the FPN team	without any issues
From School Contact	Due by	Created By

You can also view messages and complete various other actions by using the drop down arrow in the status reason column on the main screen...

≣ Active FPNs					Search	Q
Number 🛧	Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	\frown
PN20157	21/03/2018	Vivian Banks	Carlton Banks	Yes	Paused	•
PN20155		Madge Bishop	Charlene Bishop	Yes	Paused	View FPN
PN20154	21/03/2018	harold bishop	Charlene Bishop	No	Issued pending early payment	Withdraw Messages
PN20147	20/03/2018	Nigel Havers	dasdas dasdasda	No	Issued pending early payment	New message Upload certificate
PN20126	19/03/2018	Madeline Day	China Crisis	No	Issued pending early payment	0

What you are able to do here is entirely dependent on the status of the FPN you are viewing. Some of the actions you can take though are....

<u>View FPN</u> – Allows you to view all details on an FPN (this will be the only thing you can do on a closed FPN)

<u>Withdraw</u> – Request a withdrawal of an FPN (you must provide a valid reason)

Pause – Pause an issued FPN (you can only do this once per FPN)

<u>Resume</u> – Resume a paused FPN

<u>Upload Certificate</u> – Upload and attach a certificate of registration to a selected FPN

View Messages – view all messages related to the selected FPN

<u>New message</u> – Send a new message to the SCC FPN Team concerning the selected FPN

≣ All FPNs -						Search	Q
Number 🛧	Date issued	Parent issued to	Pupil	Certificate uploaded ↑	Has ever been paused	Status Reason	
FPN20387		Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	Duplicate fine this academic year	•
FPN20386		Brenda Bacon	Bruce Bacon	No	No	Triage	0
FPN20385		Brenda Bacon	Kevin Bacon	No	No	Withdrawn	View FPN
FPN20384		Brenda Bacon	Bruce Bacon	No	No	Withdrawn	Vithdraw View messa
FPN20383		Barry Bacon	Kevin Bacon	No	No	Triage	New messa
FPN20382		Barry Bacon	Bruce Bacon	No	No	Triage	Upload certi
FPN20381	29/03/2018	Parenty 7	Fizzy Sherbert	No	No	Issued pending early	

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