



**Attendance is  
everybody's  
business....**

**Persistent  
Absence**



## What is Persistent Absence (PA)?

A student enters the category of PA when their attendance drops to 90% & below. Which means they have missed 10% of their learning. This can be at any point in the school year but usually calculated at the end of each half term.

PA statistics are published nationally by the DfE. We are measured against other school settings, Local Authorities and Regions at the end of each half term.

Currently our PA is 27%. Which is 1% higher than the current National & 3% higher than Oldham

**We need your help to reduce the number of PA students!!**



HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOU A PERSISTENT ABSENCE (PA) STUDENT?		
Half-term 1	3.5 days absent	3½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make you a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days absent	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make you a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days absent	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make you a PA student.
Half term 1-4	12.5 days absent	12½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make you a PA student.
Half-term 1-5	15.5 days absent	15½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make you a PA student.
Half-term 1-6	19 days absent	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make you a PA student.

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## Examples...

Chloe has 15 days absence so far this year and is **CRITICAL RISK**. Just half a day off before the end of this half term will put her in PA (90% Attendance)

Abdul has 12 days absence so far this year but is still **HIGH RISK**. Just 3.5 days off before the end of this half term will put him in PA (90% Attendance)

Ethan has 8 days absence so far this year. A further 6.5 days is unlikely but he is still at **MEDIUM RISK**.

**STUDENTS WITH 10 to 15 DAYS ABSENCES SO FAR THIS YEAR  
ARE AT CRITICAL RISK OF PA BY 28th May 2024**



## NEXT STEPS...

### School will:

The Attendance Team will monitor students who are PA or approaching PA. Parent/carers will receive regular updates & text messages.

The Attendance Team will contact parent/carers of PA students including an invitation into school to discuss.

Pastoral Teams will implement individual, weekly monitoring to encourage improvements.

PLGs will discuss attendance with their groups /or individual students causing concern.



## Parent/carers...you can help too:

If you are notified that your child is a PA student, please respond. The Attendance Team are there to offer help and support.

You will be invited to a meeting, please attend. It can be very useful to discuss any issues affecting your child's attendance.

Please make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences while your child is being monitored. See the school website "Is my child too ill to attend school?" for more advice from the NHS

Avoid term time holidays. School cannot authorise these holidays and Oldham Local Authority do issue fines if you take your child out of school.

Download the MCAS App to keep a check on your child's attendance



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**Thank  
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