





PERSISTENT ABSENCE

If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

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









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