

## What is a 'persistent absence' student?

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.

This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:

The school year	How many days off will make your child a persistent absence student?
Half-term 1	<b>3 ½ days off</b> school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	<b>7 days off</b> school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-3	<b>10 days of absence</b> from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-4	<b>12 ½ days of absence</b> from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-5	<b>15 ½ days of absence</b> from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-6	<b>19 days of absence</b> for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

**Promoting excellent attendance to ensure that your child makes every minute of every lesson of everyday count.**