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Our School Rules: Try your best Be calm Be truthful Be safe Be kind

Persistent Absence

Regardless of whether the school has authorised or unauthorised the absence, if a child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as "Persistently Absent". This equates to 19 days, 38 sessions and on a five-lesson school day, 95 lessons missed across the school year.

When we return in September, all schools must follow the Dfe guidance to improve attendance. Schools need to work together to put support in place as quickly as possible.

To enable this to happen, all local authorities will organise regularly Targeting Support Meetings with each school to identify, discuss, and agree action plans and joint approaches for severely absent pupils, where there is no current support plan in place.

Due to the new guidance, in September, any student whose absence is below 90% when school closes in July, will be monitored by our independent Education Welfare Team, VIP Education. If attendance becomes a concern, a meeting will be arranged to discuss concerns and offer any support required to ensure attendance

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE

5 days – 10 sessions – 25 lessons absent	=	97.40%
8 days – 16 sessions – 40 lessons absent	=	95.85%
10 days – 20 sessions – 50 lessons absent	=	94.81%
12 days – 24 sessions - 60 lessons absent	=	93.78%
15 days – 30 sessions - 75 lessons absent	=	92.22%
19 days – 38 sessions - 95 lessons absent	=	90% persistent absence

Also, from September 2024, Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of **unauthorised absence** in a 10-school week period. These Absences can be late after the register closes.

We understand that at times there are genuine reasons for children's absence from school, but evidence shows that good attendance enables children to achieve target grades and to keep up with their schoolwork.

I hope you will support the school in our efforts to ensure excellent attendance as it is vital for children's education and a valuable quality for their future.