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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Persistent Absence**

We would like to make you aware that the government has changed the definition of persistent absence.

The (DfE) states that any student whose attendance falls below 90% from September 2015 will be classed as a Persistently Absent pupil. Therefore, if a pupil misses 19 or more days over an academic year they will be classed as Persistently Absent.

The DfE say...

“If over 5 academic years a pupil has attendance of 90% the child will miss a half of a school year, that’s a lot of lost education. As parents play an essential role in supporting attendance the changes to persistent absence need to be shared with them”

The DfE also informed schools that this information must be placed on school websites and published in newsletters or a letter.

In order to ensure parent/carers are fully informed we will issue regular updates via letters or telephone calls should attendance fall below 90% at key points in the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs R Keitch**  
Headteacher