



Emerson Park Academy

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MH/LSP

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Dear Parent/Carer

Persistent Absence - Attendance Percentage Increase from 85%-90%

We have been advised from the DfE that with effect from the beginning of this academic year a child will be classed as a persistent absentee if their attendance level drops below 90% (this was previously 85%), and subsequently, the Local Authority will become involved, much earlier than was previously necessary.

As a school we feel it is important for every parent to be aware of their child's current attendance level, which can obviously impact on their academic progress. Your child's current attendance level can be found on Go for Schools.

The table below demonstrates the amount of sessions a pupil would have to be absent to reach 90% attendance in each half term (2 sessions equal 1 days absence).

TERMS	PA @ 10%
TERM 1	7 or more sessions
TERM 1 & 2	14 or more sessions
TERM 1, 2 & 3	20 or more sessions
TERM 1, 2, 3 & 4	25 or more sessions
TERM 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	31 or more sessions
TERM 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	38 or more sessions

We do appreciate that there are many genuine reasons for absence. However, if your child does not attend lessons on a regular basis, they will inevitably fall behind with their studies and will not achieve the levels of which they are capable. Any absence from school is detrimental to the students' learning and negatively impacts on their progress.

Should you feel that there are issues surrounding your child's attendance that we can assist you in resolving, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Purton

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Attendance Officer

