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Dear «salutation»,

Re : **«chosen\_forename» «chosen\_surname»** -1st % Attendance letter

I am writing to share our concerns with you regarding «chosen\_forename»’s currentlevel of attendance of «percentage\_attendance»%. at this point in the Academic year. Please see attached a copy of your child’s registration certificate.

With effect from September 2015, the Persistent Absence threshold increased to 90%. This will mean that any pupil whose attendance is lower than 90%, at any point in the school year, will be classed as Persistently Absent.

The table below shows the impact of whole days absent and lost learning hours in **one school year**.

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| **Descriptor** | **Attendance** | **Days Absent** | **Lost Hours of Learning** |
| Excellent | 100% - 99% | Up to 2 | Up to 10 |
| Good | 98% - 96% | Up to 8 | Up to 40 |
| Requires improvement | 95% - 91% | Up to 18 | Up to 90 |
| Persistent Absentee | 90% - 86% | Up to 28 | Up to 140 |
| Critical | 85% or less | Up to 38 | Up to 190 |

The Department for Education say there is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement.

Oakfield Academy is committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Therefore I would ask that you consider this information and address these concerns by ensuring full attendance at school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any support with this.

Yours Sincerely

Head of Year