

**A guide to submitting a response to
House of Commons Education Select Committee's
inquiry into
Persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils
which closes on 9 February 2023**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7179>

This document provides screenshots of the submission portal for this inquiry which is available on the UK Parliament website.

It is provided so that anyone considering responding to this inquiry can understand *before* starting to write their submission can first be aware of the requirements of the system. It is also to assure potential respondents that they will not be asked unexpected questions whilst trying to submit their response.

It has been compiled by taking screenshots of each page which appears when selecting the as an 'individual' option at the fourth page in the series.



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Persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils

Inquiry

The Education Committee has launched an inquiry into persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils.

This inquiry will focus on the issue of persistent and severe absence in schools, with a focus on supporting disadvantaged pupils. The inquiry aims to examine the issue of persistent and severe absence and the factors causing it and to assess the likely impact and effectiveness of the Department's proposed reforms on attendance. The inquiry will also assess the impact of interventions such as breakfast clubs, free school meals, holiday clubs, and after school clubs on improving attendance for disadvantaged pupils, and will develop recommendations as to how attendance can be improved, particularly for disadvantaged pupils.

Read the [call for evidence](#) for more detail about the inquiry. You can submit evidence until 23:59 on Thursday 9 February 2023. Your submission should be no more than 3000 words.

This inquiry is currently accepting evidence

The committee wants to hear your views. We welcome submissions from anyone with answers to the questions in the call for evidence. You can submit evidence until **Thursday 9 February 2023**.

[Read the call for evidence before submitting](#)



Call for Evidence

Persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils

Written submissions are invited on the following:

- The factors causing persistent and severe absence among different groups of pupils, in particular:
 - Disadvantaged pupils,
 - Pupils from minority ethnic backgrounds,
 - Pupils with SEND and those who are clinically vulnerable to covid-19,
 - Pupils in alternative provision.
- How schools and families can be better supported to improve attendance, and how this affects pupils and families who are clinically vulnerable to covid-19.
- The impact of [the Department's proposed reforms](#) to improve attendance.
- The impact of school breakfast clubs and free school meals on improving attendance for disadvantaged pupils.
- The role of the Holiday Activities and Food programme and other after school and holiday clubs, such as sports, in improving attendance and engagement with school.

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Submit evidence

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Before you continue

Make sure you have read the [call for evidence](#).

Writing your evidence

Your submission should:

- be concise - if it's over 3,000 words you should include a short summary as well
- include an introduction to you or your organisation and your reason for submitting evidence

Your submission should not have been published anywhere already. This includes blogs, newspaper articles, websites and journals, for example.

Uploading your evidence

The file you upload must:

- be less than 25MB
- be a single Word, ODT or RTF document
- contain no logos

If you need help to send us your evidence

We want everyone's voice to be heard in Parliament. Please [contact us](#) if you find it difficult to send us your evidence online.

What happens to your evidence

Your evidence will usually be published online. We'll read your evidence and use it to help the Committee's inquiry. The Committee can also use or quote from your evidence in its report, which will be published on our webpages.

If your evidence is published it stays public forever. This means other people will be able to see and read what you send us. Your name, or your organisation's name, will usually be published too.

The Committee does not have to accept your evidence or publish what you send us. We'll e-mail you to let you know what's happening to your evidence.

In certain circumstances you can ask us to keep your details anonymous or your submission confidential. For example, you might do this if your evidence contains very personal information about you or your family. You can make this request if necessary when you upload your evidence.

Help and support

If you need help submitting your evidence, contact the Education Committee by email at educom@parliament.uk, or by phone on (General Enquiries) 020 7219 2370 / For all media inquiries please contact Owen Sheppard sheppardo@parliament.uk / 020 7219 8895 and Billy Roberts robertsbc@parliament.uk / 0207 219 6113



Submit evidence

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Who are you submitting evidence for?



Individual

You are submitting evidence for yourself or on behalf of someone else



Group of individuals

You are submitting evidence for a group of people



Organisation

You are submitting evidence for a business or an organisation



Group of organisations

You are submitting evidence for a group of businesses or organisations

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Submitting as an individual

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First name(s) (optional)

Last name

Employment details (optional)

Job title

Organisation

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Email

Phone (optional)

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Most evidence is published and made available for others to read on our website. In some circumstances you can ask us to make your evidence anonymous, or ask us to keep your evidence confidential. If you select one of these options we may need to contact you to find out more about your request.

If you need to ask for anonymity or confidentiality please tick the box below. You'll be able to request either an anonymous or a confidential submission and give us more information.

I wish to make an anonymous or confidential submission

Guidance on written submissions

I have read the guidance on [written submissions](#)

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