

School Refuser

My **son** was out of school for 6 months when he was 14/15, not as a school refuser but signed off on medical grounds because he had a breakdown.

He was very unwell and regressed into his autism, but I still persevered with a visual daily timetable for him, detailing what time he had to get up, what time slots he could go on the computer, meals and bedtime. Of course, he didn't follow it perfectly and we had good and bad days, but it was there as a non-negotiable part of his daily life. I also did my best to get him out of the house once a week. After 3 months he had 4 hours of home tuition a week in two subjects, which he was expected to do.

Since he was diagnosed he is much more agreeable to 'deals' (eg you can have a lift if you take the dogs out with me, your friends can come in if you take a shower) etc, before he would scream and yell about being 'bribed' to the extent that at one point I wondered if he had PDD.

This is an extract from a [discussion](#).