

14th November 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Educational research clearly demonstrates there is a direct correlation between good student attendance in their lessons and academic progress. Where student punctuality and attendance to lessons is consistently good their academic progress is also good. Where students arrive late to school and/or lessons and truant their progress is negatively impacted.

Following a rigorous period of planning we are launching our revised punctuality and truancy strategy in the week beginning 13th November 2023. We have consulted with staff, led student assemblies, and revised our policies and procedures in line with our new expectations.

Our simple and realistic expectation is that all students arrive to their lesson within 4 minutes of the transition period commencing. A first bell indicates the start of the transition and a second bell sounds after 4 minutes to indicate the end of the transition. All students are expected to be in their classroom and sat at their desk ready to learn within 4 minutes. Any student that arrives to their lesson after the second bell will be deemed as **truanting**. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.20am each day.

If a student doesn't arrive to their class within the 4-minute transition period their truanting will lead to escalated interventions including student truancy reports, Pastoral Support Plans, Detentions, Internal Exclusions, Off-Site Directions and Fixed Term Exclusions. We will also endeavour to reward students that get it right all of the time.

As parents/carers you will be kept fully informed of your child's daily behaviour (positive and negative) via the Classcharts parents app. If you haven't already signed up to the app, I encourage you to do so as a priority. If you need any support accessing the app please contact the academy and we'd be happy to support you. If your child's truancy becomes a persistent problem, we will invite you into the Academy for a formal meeting to discuss our concerns and next steps.

It is crucial that we work together to make sure all our children understand the importance of being in the **'right place, at the right time, all of the time.'** Staff are relentlessly committed to working in partnership with our students and their parents/carers. Please contact the Academy without hesitation if you have any matters you'd like to discuss. If you'd like to come into the Academy, I'd strongly advise you make an appointment as colleagues aren't always available without prior notice.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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