

18 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the pandemic, students have returned to school well and are meeting all the attendance standards we set as an academy and are being on time for lessons. I want to thank you for making sure that your child is always ready for school, dressed smartly with all their equipment and on time, every day.

There are a small number of students that have not returned to the academy understanding the high expectations of attendance that we set and are seeming to struggle to attend every day or are arriving late in the morning or to lessons. This can have a negative impact on staff and students whose teaching is then disrupted when students arrive late and have missed key information during tutor time or lessons. Mostly this has a negative impact on a child's learning. Learning takes place throughout the day and including the very start of the day and the start of each lesson.

The pandemic has shown how difficult it is for children who have gaps in their learning. To support the smooth running of the academy and to ensure that no one continues to have gaps in learning, we are putting into place, from Monday 15th November, the following:

- All students are expected to arrive by 8.25 am in the morning so that they can be in school and on time for registration at 8.30 am.
- At 8.25 am the gates at Scarborough Avenue and West End Drive will be locked and students arriving late will need to come into school via the King George entrance. They will be met by a member of staff and their name will be taken and they will be expected to complete a 20-minute detention at the end of that day.
- During this detention, the form time learning that was lost will be completed.
- Any student who arrives late for school three times in a week will have an hour detention on the Friday after school.
- Should lateness persist, you will be invited in to discuss the concerns and how we can work together to make being on time a priority for your child.

To support positive attendance, we are also introducing a new rewards system for students either having excellent attendance or those who make a significant improvement in their attendance within a term. Further details will be coming out to you in the coming weeks.

In this way, we are aiming to ensure that quality learning can take place for all children and they can all work towards their targets and have the appropriate successful academic and personal highlights for their age in school.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nia Salt', written in a cursive style.

Nia Salt
Principal