

Monday 7th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Attendance

Attendance is the foundation on which a positive school experience is built. The Department for Education expects all students to have a minimum of 95% attendance throughout the school year.

During the recent Covid-19 pandemic, attendance was impacted nationally, and it has taken time for schools to return to normal. This year however, expectations are very much in line with pre-pandemic levels and attendance is a key priority for our academy.

In support of our work to constantly improve standards, I am delighted to introduce two new members of staff to our Children's Services Team. John Law is our new Attendance Officer and Helen Clarke joins him as our new Attendance Support Advisor. Both John and Helen will be working closely with staff across the school to identify attendance concerns, whilst ensuring that students can achieve their potential.

It is expected that all students attend the academy everyday unless there are exceptional circumstances. *Any absence must be accounted for to be authorised* and it is expected that parents and carers notify the academy via the main school number on the morning of any absence.

I'd like to remind all families that students must be on site by 8.25am each morning, so they can be in their seat at tutor time or in assembly at 8.30am. I'm delighted that we have seen improvements in this regard since we introduced our new timings of the school day in September.

From meeting with so many of you, I know you share our ambition for all students to be the best they can be. This starts with high levels of attendance and punctuality.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Turner
Headteacher