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Dear Families

Year 7 Attendance

Over the past few weeks, I have noticed a drop in our Year 7 attendance. It is really important that we work together to support students to develop resilience. As the newest members of our academy community, it is vital that our Year 7s develop strong habits to support their learning, wellbeing and overall success.

To be really clear, we expect all students to be 'In School, On Time' every single day.

There are lots of exciting things happening across the academy and when students miss school, they miss out! They miss out on learning which can cause gaps in their knowledge. Additionally, students that are absent from school miss out on our wonderful array of wider enrichment opportunities. Students missing school also has a negative impact on their ability to develop friendships. This is particularly important at the start of secondary school.

On Friday morning, I delivered an assembly to Year 7 and it was clear from the number of empty seats that attendance is not where it needs to be. I would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child is 'In School, On Time'.

As we move into winter, I want to stress that weather should not be a barrier to attendance. The academy is lovely and warm and we'd love to see more students join us for our free Breakfast Club which is available from 8am every day. If your child needs support with a coat to keep them warm, please just let us know as we are always here to help.

Finally, I would like to remind families that routine medical or dental appointments should be scheduled outside the school day and during the 13 weeks of school holidays wherever possible. This helps ensure that learning time is protected for every child.

Here is a short informational video that I made with Mrs Aveyard to reiterate to families the importance of good attendance. Please take a moment to watch it [here](#).

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing your child tomorrow morning.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Coles
Principal