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Dear Parents and Carers

Punctuality to lessons – Register Bell

Our overall school attendance has improved and there are fewer students late to school. Most of our students are responding positively to our expectations and there are many positive behaviours recognised on our Class Charts software, which parents can access.

Today, we have reminded students about the importance of meeting our expectations with respect to our routines when arriving at lessons, in the lesson itself and when leaving the classroom. This needs to be the same in every lesson and we refer to it as Consistency Across the Classroom.

One issue that has made this more challenging to enforce is the slow pace that some of our students move between lessons. Even allowing for the size of the site some students are unacceptably late and arrive after the lesson has begun, disrupting the lesson and the learning of students who were on time. As you would expect we are taking measures to address this.

As of Monday 26th March we are introducing a Register Bell into lessons. This is a reasonable amount of time after the bell for the end of the previous lesson. Our teachers have been instructed to take the register immediately when they hear the Register Bell and to mark anyone who arrives after this time as late.

As you would expect, our ambition is for no child to be late but if a child is late, he/she will receive a detention that night with a Senior Leader. The detention will be for a minimum of 30 minutes. However, if a student is late for more than one lesson and/or Progress and Aspiration Time the detention will be increased to up to an hour maximum. Our students have been made aware of this in assemblies today.

We know we can rely on your support to ensure that your child's learning is not disrupted by late arrivals to lessons. Can we ask that you reinforce this expectation with your child and the inconvenience, for you, created by your child if he/she is late for lessons and cannot leave at 2.50pm.

As you will know our progress last year put us in the top 7% of improving schools nationally and with increased time in lessons this will be even greater in the future.

Yours sincerely

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