



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well as we approach the final few weeks of the academic year.

During the many difficulties schools, students and parents have faced over recent times, one of the most challenging has been around attendance and punctuality. Through no fault of their own, students have had to cope with many disruptions to their routines around school life. Here at King James's, we are extremely proud of how our young people have consistently displayed our values of ready, respectful and engaged and have thrown themselves back into the many varied opportunities our school community gives them.

Attendance and punctuality have been the focus of our year group assemblies during the past few weeks, emphasising how great attendance correlates with good educational achievement. New government attendance guidelines have now been issued and these must be in place in all schools by September this year. This year as a school, we have consistently been above both the regional and national average for attendance and we want to build upon this as we move into the new academic year.

In all our final assemblies, we will be recognising and rewarding students who have had an attendance of 96% or higher. If this applies to your child, you will be receiving additional correspondence around their excellent attendance, as this is the figure that we aspire to from all our students. Should a student have 12 days off in the school year their attendance reduces to 94% and an attendance level of 90% results in 19 school days of lost learning.

As always, your involvement is crucial to our success as a school, particularly around excellent attendance and punctuality. Please could you continue to support our drive towards excellent punctuality by reminding your child that they must be on school site by 8:40am each morning. They should be on site, ready to learn, wearing the correct uniform, all mobile devices turned off and out of sight. All students will then need to be in form for 8:45am each day.

In September, we are delighted to be putting breakfasts on again from 8:15-8:35am each morning. Before Covid restrictions these were hugely popular with the students, and they will be served outside the dining hall on a first come first served basis. Finally, your continued assistance this year has been hugely appreciated as school life has been returning to some sort of normality so we would just like to say, thank you.

Kind regards,

Paul McIntosh
Deputy Head