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Dear Families,

At Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academies we believe that regular and punctual attendance to school are key elements in promoting a pupils learning, attainment, and wellbeing. Since the COVID 19 pandemic school attendance has been significantly affected. As we continue to move through the school year, we need to work together to ensure that all pupils are attending school being punctual and with consistency.

Research has shown that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Only by regular attendance can pupils access the quality education that is offered at our school.

We are therefore, committed to the following principles:

- To encourage all pupils to attend school and achieve their maximum potential.
- To promote good attendance throughout the school.
- To work in partnership with families in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality, as well as the Local Authority and other agencies.

It is important that pupils are always in school on time, their attendance is very good, and that few school days are missed. Time away from school breaks routines, and pupils can miss important aspects of their learning.

Why is it so important to attend every day?

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s), building on pupils knowledge and skills.
- Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments, and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent because students learn through actively taking part.

Are there other benefits to my child?

- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve better outcomes over time and enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life and help prepare them for transitions to future schools and adulthood.
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour including independence skills and life skills.



Navigating life and learning together.



Raleigh Infant Academy

What are the risks of frequent absences?

- A child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work and will miss essential learning which helps build their knowledge and skills.
- The more a pupil misses school, the lower their academic outcomes.
- They may then want to be in school less.

What can parents do to help?

- Families must model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance.
- Make sure that your child arrives at school regularly and on time.
- If your child starts missing school, work with us to put things right.
- If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact us immediately.
- Please do not expect us to approve of shopping trips, birthday treats, etc, during school hours.
- Arrange family holidays/events outside of the school term, so that your child will not miss any learning.

At Raleigh Infant and Admirals Academies, the school day begins at 8.30am for all pupils, with the gates being opened from 8.25am to 8.35am. Pupils are expected to be in their classroom rooms ready to begin the day at 8.30am.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school between the usual start times of 8.30-8.40am. You can access the school grounds five minutes prior to this as all of our school gates open at 8.25am. We actively encourage all children to arrive via the school gates to ensure they are punctual and arrive to school on time. If your child arrives between 8.40-8.50am your child will receive an L mark as they will be late. If your child arrives after 8.50am your child will be late after registers have closed, which is a U mark. Please note that late attendance at school, receiving a U mark, could also be considered for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued.

As you can see from the attached information sheet, this clearly shows the impact of if your child is late by as little as five minutes. Whilst we appreciate the morning school routine can be greeted by many challenges, for example travel disruptions; we would greatly encourage you to ensure that your child arrives at school on time to start their school day. This would minimise the loss of time of not only your own child's education, but also that of the impact a late arrival can cause to the disruption of the morning for the other children in the class.

If you have concerns about the attendance of your child please contact me to discuss.

Kind Regards



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