

Our Ref: JP/EH/JAS

29th November 2024



Dear Parent/Carer

We are incredibly proud to share the success of our attendance journey at Wednesfield Academy over the past year. Last week, we celebrated this success in assemblies, where pupils were informed of the outstanding improvements in attendance and reminded about the half-termly rewards for those with excellent attendance. As part of our recognition, we distributed over £1,000 in vouchers last week, and even more rewards are planned for the last week of this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about our attendance procedures, as outlined in the school's Attendance Policy. The school gates close promptly at **8.28 am**, and pupils arriving after this time will receive a breaktime detention. Punctuality is an essential part of maintaining high attendance, and we thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives on time each day.

We must also formally inform parents of a recent update from the Local Authority. This week, the Local Authority shared that both parents in one family were fined **£986.50 each** due to their child's persistent poor attendance without any justified medical reason for the child not being in school. To add, any amount paid in fines does not go to the school, so our motivation is never a financial one; it is completely driven by the children's wellbeing, academic attainment, and safeguarding.

While we never wish to see any of our families prosecuted, it is important to remind you that the Law states children have a right to a full-time education, and it is the parents' legal responsibility to ensure regular school attendance. As a school, we have a legal obligation to refer concerns about attendance to the Local Authority where necessary.

Nevertheless, we are here to work in partnership with you and support you in ensuring your child's attendance remains strong. Together, we can continue to make progress and celebrate more successes.

Finally, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents who supported in getting their children to school last week, and to the pupils who demonstrated resilience and commitment by attending school, even during difficult weather conditions. Your dedication to education and adherence to our school values are truly appreciated and recognised, and your commitment to your child being in school has seen our attendance increase by over 5% over the past two years.



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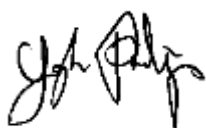


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Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every pupil at Wednesfield Academy reaches their full potential. If you have any queries or require any help regarding your child's attendance please contact their Head of House or the sixth form office by calling 01902-558222 or by emailing postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips
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