



HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first full week at Humphrey Perkins has been exceptional!
Students have returned in uniform, fully equipped and ready to learn.
Morning line-ups have been well ordered, calm and purposeful to allow room for 'effortful' thinking.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support. It does make a significant difference.
The purpose of this letter is to remind all parents and carers of the importance of attendance and punctuality at school.

Please be assured that the following information is not pertinent to most of our parents/carers and students. However, as you know, we have a duty to keep parents/carers informed of any statutory changes and amendments to our behaviour expectations.

All children are entitled to attend school and are entitled to an education. Being at school full time, ensures that young people develop academic curiosity and prowess. It also ensures students develop effective transferable employability skills and positively impacts on their wellbeing and confidence.

Put simply; full attendance at school improves life chances.
Post-Covid times have witnessed a significant decrease in student attendance to school.
Government data shows, that during 2021- 2022, 120,000 students nationally, attended school below 50%.

Research has shown that absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school over the academic year. That equates to 120 lessons a year. If this pattern of absenteeism continues over a 5 year period, this equates to 600 lessons.

Homework is also a core part of student development, as it both consolidates previous learning and prepares students for future learning. If students miss school, they miss out on this important 'link' in their learning. For this reason, we have informed students that homework must be submitted by the teacher's deadline set on BEEHIVE. If homework is not submitted a C2 will be issued. If however, homework is submitted the following day, before 12 noon, the C2 will be rescinded and an afterschool detention will no longer be necessary.





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Absence from school inevitably affects student's reading proficiently, academic performance and holistic development. This in turn, will limit their options and life chances Post 16.

In response to the exponential increase in in school absenteeism, the Department for Education have reviewed and revised statutory guidance for all schools to follow.

Please see the attached leaflet. School holidays will now be subject to financial penalties and persistent school absenteeism will be monitored closely by Leicestershire local authority. Parents / carers may be subject to fines for their child's persistent absence, if medical evidence or other legitimate evidence is not provided.

We have also reminded students of the importance of punctuality. Please can I also remind parents and carers that the school gate closes at 8.27am promptly. This is to ensure that all expected routines start on time and students receive important messages for a successful day ahead.

It is expected that all students are punctual to all lessons so not to miss out on crucial retrieval practise and to not disturb the learning of others. If students are more than 3 minutes late to the start of a lesson, without a valid reason, they will be issued a C2.

Once again, I cannot reiterate enough, the importance of every student at Humphrey Perkins having the opportunity to 'be the best they can be'. This requires a rigorous team effort with staff and parents / carers giving the same message, about the importance of school!

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

With my most sincere regards,

Ms E Booth
Senior Attendance Champion
Assistant Principal (Holistic)

