



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Ensuring your child achieves their maximum potential in school, from the start of their school journey all the way through to the end of Year 11, is of the upmost importance to the academic progress and the social and emotional wellbeing of all pupils. The key is for all young people to attend school every day as there are direct links between attendance and attainment.

The vast majority of students in Kingsmead School have an excellent record of school attendance, however we wanted to clarify our position for parents where there may be the potential for any ambiguity and to ensure we are fully compliant with legal requirements. In addition, we want to support you in ensuring your child has every opportunity to succeed by being in school and learning.

The pandemic has meant that children have missed face-to-face learning over the last two years. To reduce lost learning parents can help us by ensuring that testing takes place if students have symptoms regardless of a positive LFT result, parents are advised to request a PCR test. Whilst the guidance is that students should isolate, a negative PCR test will allow your child to come into school, continue their education and reduce gaps caused by isolation periods.

Where a student is absent from school for a period of isolation, it is vital for students and parents to speak to their Progress Leaders and teachers so that we can work with you to ensure any gaps in learning are identified and closed. Using the blended learning platform and checking Satchel one daily will help your child if they must isolate for a period of time. The expectation is that they complete their daily lessons, following their normal timetable wherever possible.

We firmly believe in working with our families to support them in ensuring that children attend school regularly. If you have any concerns with attendance, punctuality or progress, then please contact the Attendance Manager or the Progress Leaders to ensure we work as a team to provide support or address any matters if they arise.

Together, I firmly believe we can help your child achieve their full academic potential at Kingsmead School.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. A. Reynolds

Assistant Headteacher – Rewards and Sanctions