



## Attendance and Punctuality Update as at November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move towards the end of the 2021 Autumn Term, I would again like to thank all parents/carers for the continuing dramatic improvements in our attendance over recent years. Our strength in this area means that students are safer, attending lessons more often and therefore maximising their possibilities of achieving highly.

Pleasingly, average attendance of students since joining The Edge is now an incredible **26% higher** than their previous school baseline prior to joining us, and we continue to improve our attendance year on year.

On the subject of punctuality, I would like to remind you all that as **lesson 1 now begins at 9.15am, it is more vital than ever that all students are now in school by this time at the very latest every day.** Our free Breakfast Club continues to operate from 8.45am every day, and as always, it is fantastic to see so many students arrive to school early to attend this. For those that are unaware, toast, cereal, fruit juices and hot drinks are all provided between 8.45am and 9.15am; we would encourage all students to join the growing numbers of students who are already enjoying this! Over the last term we have seen an increase in punctuality to first lesson across the school and would like to thank and congratulate everybody that maximises their potential learning time in school. A reminder too that we would advise parents/carers not to give their child any spending money on weekday mornings as we provide nutritious breakfast, break and lunch food completely free of charge. All of the latest research also clearly shows that consumption of confectionery, fizzy and energy drinks in the morning hampers students' focus in lessons as well as contributing to poor health generally.

Please remember that any students who arrive in school after 9.15am are late and miss valuable learning time; we have regretfully had to take court action and fine a minority of parents/carers over the course of recent years where student attendance and punctuality has not been in line with our expectations. We continue to help and support all families as much as we possibly can, please feel free to contact our Attendance Manager and Senior Safeguarding Deputy Jas Greene at [jas.greene@theedgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:jas.greene@theedgeacademy.co.uk) if you are experiencing any difficulties with which we can assist.

**Finally, I am pleased to announce that for the next two weeks (starting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November), we will be rewarding every student who has 100% attendance and punctuality each week with a meal of their choice from a local fast-food restaurant during "Friday Brunch".**

If you have any further questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [calum.hill@theedgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:calum.hill@theedgeacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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