

Attendance and Punctuality Update September 20th 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would again like to thank all parents/ carers for the fantastic standards of attendance that we see in school here at The Edge. Our strength in this area means that students are safe, do not miss lessons and therefore maximise their chances of achieving highly. Pleasingly, average attendance of students since joining us is now an incredible **24% higher** than their previous school baseline prior to joining us. We are happy to add that attendance so far for 2023/24 is at a record high, 11% higher than the 2022/23 average!

I would like to remind you that as **Lesson 1 now begins at 9.30am, 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, we offer a free breakfast club where toast, cereal, fruit juices and hot drinks are all provided between 8.45am and 9.30am; we would encourage all students to join the growing numbers of students who are already enjoying this!

Don't forget 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 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 9.30am are late and miss lesson 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 Senior Safeguarding Deputy Jas Greene at jas.greene@theedgeacademy.co.uk if you are experiencing any difficulties with which we can assist.

Finally, a reminder that as per the term dates we have issued previously, school is closed for an INSET Day on Monday September 25th. Autumn Half-Term 1 ends on Friday 27th October and that Autumn Half-Term 2 begins on Monday November 13th.

Yours faithfully,

Calum Hill,

Assistant Principal and Senior Line Manager for Attendance/Punctuality

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