

## Attendance Newsletter – September 2023

We are pleased to welcome all students back to school and to welcome our new students in Year 7 and Year 12. We continue to expect good attendance for all students and we expect students to attend school as normal when school is open. It is so important for good attendance habits to start from day 1 of the new term.

We have high expectations for attendance and our attendance target is 97%. We monitor attendance daily and will contact families if attendance starts to drop below 97%. If you feel you need help with your child(ren)'s attendance please contact our Attendance Officer, Beccy Lowe ([r.lowe@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:r.lowe@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)), or our Attendance Support Worker, Hazel Timms ([h.timms@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:h.timms@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)). They are both keen to help unpick problems relating to school attendance and provide support to enable all students to attend and succeed. We acknowledge that attending school is not straightforward in some circumstances and there are various interventions that we can offer.

As a parent or carer, you always want the absolute best for your children growing up. Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education and the wider well-being of being with their peers. Missing lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well in school.

By law, it is a parental responsibility to ensure their child attends every day the school is open. You must notify the school (01295 720777 or [awar1788@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:awar1788@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)) as soon as possible when your child has to be unexpectedly absent (eg sickness). You must only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance. You should book any medical appointments around the school day where possible.

We also ask that you support us with good timekeeping. As our posters show, just being late 5 minutes per day equates to missing 3 school days over the academic year. Lateness to school can be recorded as unauthorised absence and for persistent lateness, legal action may be taken. If your child is late to school, they must sign in at the Attendance Liaison Office before 10am or the General Office after 10am.



We will be launching our first termly attendance incentive in the coming weeks and the Warriner Wheel will spin on random dates this term so 'students have got to be in to win'.

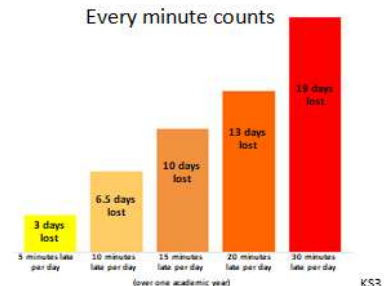
More information about our attendance procedures can be found on our website <https://www.thewarrinerschool.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=133> and other useful information, which also guides some of our attendance procedures, can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/school/attendance#paragraph-2857>

Thank you for your support.

### Your attendance matters



### Every minute counts



We reward students with termly attendance that is 97% or above or significantly improved on the previous term with an attendance certificate. Look out for these in school bags early the following term.

