



*Success nothing less*

Dear Parent/carer,

Attendance to school over this half term has shown a significant improvement on this time last year, to which we thank our families for. Without your support and encouragement, this would not be achievable, so thank you.

As we all approach the end of this half term and look forward to a well-deserved break, we would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of punctuality and arriving on time to school. Punctuality is a key virtue, not only within the school environment but also in life beyond the classroom. Being on time demonstrates responsibility, respect for others, and a commitment to learning. It sets a positive tone for the day and ensures that students can make the most of their educational opportunities.

At Blackpool Aspire Academy, our day begins with a morning address from the Headteacher at 8:35am, where important information is shared with the entire school community. All students are expected to be in their form line at this time.

Starting from the first week after the October break, we will be reinforcing our punctuality policy. Currently, students who arrive late to school serve a 30-minute detention during lunchtime. This will remain in place. However, any student who is late three times in a week will also be required to attend an additional one-hour detention on Fridays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. This step is aimed at encouraging accountability and ensuring that all students understand the importance of being on time. Students who are late to school will also need to show their prep work on the gate to the member of staff to ensure they are not kept behind for an hour that day for prep correction.

We do recognise that there may be genuine reasons for occasional lateness, and we encourage families to communicate with the school if such situations arise. If your child is going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please inform us by calling 01253 353155. We are always willing to be understanding and accommodating when legitimate reasons for lateness are communicated to us.

Regular lateness not only disrupts the learning environment but also reflects a lack of commitment to a student's education. By working together to emphasise the value of punctuality, we can create a school community where every student is set up for success.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in reinforcing this essential value.

Yours sincerely

Blackpool Aspire Academy