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Dear Parents / Carers

We know that you understand the value of education for young people and we are always grateful to have such a supportive community.

I wanted to emphasise the importance of punctuality to school. Whilst the vast majority of students arrive at school early and ensure they are ready for learning at the start of period 1, an increasing number of students are not arriving until just before 8.45 or are arriving late. We are concerned because some students are missing vital learning time, making it hard to catch up later.

If you know that your child has been late recently, please talk to them about this and make sure that they amend their routines so that they set off earlier and arrive at school well before 8.40. Some students have told us that they are encountering traffic which is making them late, but upon further investigation, some of these students live no more than 10- 15 minutes' walk from the school.

We will be writing to parents / carers of students who have been late more than 10 times this year in order that we can support you and your child, if needed.

If there are significant barriers to your child coming to school on time, or if any issues are raised in your conversation which cause concern, please inform your child's Head of Year. We are keen to support parents and students and to work in partnership with you in order to create the best possible learning environment and life chances for all students in our school community.

Best wishes

Helen Marriott

Headteacher

