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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attendance

I am sharing a message about attendance expectations to ensure we maintain a collective and individual expectation of high levels of attendance at school.

Simply put, ensuring as close to 100 % attendance at school is the single best thing you can do for your child, both academically and for their physical and mental wellbeing.

A student at the Royal Grammar School with 95 % attendance will have missed almost 2 weeks of school, a child with 90 % attendance at the end of this academic year will have missed approximately 4 weeks of schooling in that year alone; and a child with an end of year attendance of 80% will have missed approximately 8 weeks.

High attendance in school is essential for academic progress and to avoid learning gaps and/or misunderstandings. If a student has gaps or misunderstandings, this can and does affect mental wellbeing; such a student can feel uncertain and lacking in confidence and in turn, stay away from school even more.

Being in school is also the most helpful way to overcome any anxiety (social or otherwise) and for a child experiencing such anxieties to access the support needed.

Late to school

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that school starts at 8:40am and that a number of students are arriving after this time. Whilst we appreciate that there may be an unforeseen cause for a student to be late, regular lateness will not be accepted. If there is a genuine reason please email attendance@rgshw.com in advance (if known) or within 24hrs of the lateness, otherwise we will issue students with an after school detention. We strive to develop our students' character and prepare them for the wider world and poor punctuality would not be tolerated in the workplace.

Many thanks in advance for your support with your son's attendance and punctuality.

Yours sincerely,



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