



CAMPSMOUNT

3rd September 2024

Dear Parent,

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to update you on the latest attendance expectations and legal changes that will affect all students at Campsmount Academy.

From 19th August 2024, new government regulations regarding school attendance and penalty notices came into effect across Doncaster. Under these rules, a penalty notice will now be considered if a student has 10 unauthorised absences (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10-week period. Additionally, holidays during term time will no longer be authorised, and any unauthorised holiday absences will result in a penalty notice. The penalty fines have also increased: £80 if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days. For repeat offences within a 3-year period, the fine will automatically increase to £160, and further offences could result in additional enforcement by the local authority.

To ensure that your child gets the most out of their education, we ask for your support in promoting regular and punctual attendance. If your child is unable to attend school, please notify us by 8:30 a.m. each day by calling our attendance number:

Contact- 01302 700002 (Option 1).

We also encourage you to avoid scheduling holidays during term time and to arrange medical appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. If you are invited to attend a meeting regarding your child's attendance, we ask that you prioritise this meeting so that we can work together to support your child.

At Campsmount Academy, we believe that regular attendance plays a crucial role in your child's education. Students are expected to attend school every day, aiming for at least 97% attendance. Punctuality and preparedness for each school day are also essential. If your child faces any difficulties that may affect their attendance or punctuality, please encourage them to reach out to their teacher, form tutor, or another member of staff. We are committed to supporting all students, but we rely on open communication to address any issues as early as possible.

We understand that some students face long-term medical conditions, and these will be taken into account. However, it is important that our attendance team is fully informed of such circumstances so that we can provide the appropriate support.

Your support in ensuring your child starts the year with 100% attendance, arrives on time to school and is fully equipped and ready to learn is greatly appreciated. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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