



CAMPSMOUNT

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Dear Parent,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer break.

As we continue our drive to improve attendance across the school this academic year, I would like to share an important update recently issued by the Education Secretary. Data from 2024 shows that over half of students who missed some of the first week of the academic year went on to become “persistently absent” — defined as having attendance below 90%. This level of absence equates to a minimum of 19 days missed and approximately 95 hours of lost learning.

Our own data at Campsmount Academy also shows a strong link between high attendance and academic success. In particular, students in Year 11 who attended school 95% of the time or more performed at or above national expectations. This reinforces the crucial role that regular attendance and punctuality play in your child’s education.

Important Attendance Expectations and Legal Changes

We would like to remind all families of the updated attendance regulations now in effect across Doncaster, as of August 2024:

- **Penalty notices** may now be issued if a student has 10 unauthorised absences (equivalent to 5 school days) within a **rolling 10-week period**.
- **Holidays during term time** will no longer be authorised. Any unauthorised holiday will result in a penalty notice.
- **Increased fines:**
 - £80 if paid within 21 days
 - £160 if paid within 28 days
 - For repeat offences within 3 years, the fine automatically increases to £160
 - Further offences may result in additional enforcement action by the local authority

How You Can Support Your Child

To help ensure your child gains the most from their education, we ask for your full support in promoting regular and punctual attendance:

- Please **notify the school by 8:30 a.m.** each day your child is absent by calling the attendance line on **01302 700002 (Option 1)**.
- Avoid booking holidays during term time.
- Schedule **medical appointments outside of school hours** wherever possible.
- If invited to a meeting regarding your child’s attendance, please make this a priority so that we can work together to support your child.

At Campsmount Academy, we expect students to aim for at least **97% attendance**, arriving on time each day, fully equipped and ready to learn. If your child is facing any issues that may impact their

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attendance or punctuality, we encourage them to speak with their teacher, form tutor, or another member of staff. Open communication is key, and we are here to help.

We fully understand that some students may have long-term medical conditions. If this applies to your child, please ensure our attendance team is aware, so we can provide appropriate support and guidance.

Your support in helping your child start the year with **100% attendance**, arriving on time and ready to learn, is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to a successful and productive year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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