# CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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(Registered Office)

23rd January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

#### **Punctuality to School**

As you are aware, the school is focusing on good punctuality as a life skill for our student population, which means arriving to school and lessons on time. For the majority of our student population this is a habit already established that will be a great asset throughout their adult life. We wish to thank those parents, carers and students for ensuring they arrive to school on time, every day.

For some of our students, for a range of reasons, punctuality has slipped. As previously communicated in the parent bulletin, we do not feel we can compromise the education of our student population as a consequence of the punctuality concerns of the few. We have implemented a bespoke Learning Mentor programme each day and being late means students are not accessing these parts of the curriculum. I hope that you would agree that good punctuality is a life skill as well as a function of the school.

For the last three weeks, staff have been monitoring the arrival time of students. There are a number who are dropped off by parents/carers outside the school after the start of the day at 8.25am. Whilst we acknowledge traffic and public transport can be difficult, we respectfully would like to emphasise that it is the responsibility of our parents/carers to ensure that their child arrives to school on time; this may involve updating travel plans for an earlier start to the day to ensure your child arrives to school on time.

The school acknowledges that on a rare occasion there may be a specific reason for a student being late e.g. a medical appointment. On these occasions we ask that either the student provides evidence for their lateness on arrival, or the parent/carer contacts Attendance by any of these methods:

- Login to School Gateway <a href="https://login.schoolgateway.com/">https://login.schoolgateway.com/</a>
- Telephone 01452 713 488 (Option 1 for Y7-Y11 or Option 2 for Sixth Form student)
- Email: attendance@chosen-hill.gloucs.sch.uk

There are individual students who have a reasonable adjustment in place, as part of their provision plan. This is a prior arrangement put in place after consultation with the Year Lead, Inclusion Manager or Educational Welfare Officer. This means that when the student signs in late at Reception, this is understood and accepted.

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From Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, if students still choose to arrive to school late, there will be consequences that will be communicated to students during registration time. This will mean a same day break time detention for each late to school mark. That will escalate to an additional lunch time and after school detention related to the number of late to school marks accumulated over 2 weeks. The attached poster explains the consequences and has been shared with the student population.

At the heart of this initiative is a rationale that the start of school is consistently effective and all students are able to maximise their learning.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's learning mentor.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Bardgett

**Deputy Headteacher** 



# **PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL**



### 1st Late

You will be reminded of our expectations Your name will be recorded on Class Charts You will receive a same day break time detention

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Late

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Late

Your name will be recorded on Class Charts
You will receive a same day break time detention
You will receive a lunch time detention
You will have a learning conversation with your Learning Mentor

# 4<sup>th</sup> Late

Your name will be recorded on Class Charts
You will receive a same day break time detention
You will receive a lunch time detention
You will be placed on a punctuality report by your Learning Mentor

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Late

Your name will be recorded on Class Charts
You will receive a same day break time detention
You will receive an after school detention
There will be a meeting with your parents/ carers and Year lead

