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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to emphasise the critical role that attendance and punctuality plays in your child's educational journey and to update you on some new procedures that are coming into place.

Regular attendance is fundamental to academic success and personal development. It provides students with the opportunity to succeed academically, interact with peers, and benefit from the extra-curricular experiences we provide at Marple Hall School. Consistent attendance is not only essential for academic progress but also for cultivating valuable life skills such as time management, responsibility and a strong work ethic.

Being punctual to school is also highly important for all students. Our school day starts at 8:30am. If a student arrives after 8:30am they receive a late mark (L) on the register. Morning registers close at 9am and if a student arrives after this, they are classed as absent from their morning session. This means they receive an unauthorised absence mark (U) which will result in losing a half day's attendance.

If a student accrues 10 instances of missing the morning register within a three-month period, an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) may be issued by Stockport Council. This is a legal intervention that could result in financial penalties for parents or guardians. Further information is available on the council website [Education penalty notices - Stockport Council](#)

Our aim is to work collaboratively with you to prevent any such circumstances and ensure the best possible outcomes for your child. Whilst we appreciate that unforeseen circumstances may arise, we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives promptly each day at 8:30am or earlier.

We welcome open communication between home and school. If you anticipate any challenges with your child's punctuality or if there are specific circumstances we should be aware of, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can find solutions to support your child's education and well-being.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Claire Gregory.

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