



7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Pupil Presence

Dear Parent / Carer,

Whilst most young people and their families are grateful of our return to school after such a difficult 18 months, unfortunately, there has been an increase in the amount of truancy along with a continuing concern in relation to late coming to school and / or individual classes.

Over the next few weeks, to support improvements in the above, I have asked the four House Teams to have a special focus on working with targeted young people and their families to see improvements in the amount of time in classes.

I am seeking your support by doing all you can to ensure that your young person is in school on time (8.40am for learning to begin at 8.45am) and that they understand the importance of being in every class. One of our school improvement priorities this session is a focus on maximising pupil attendance. With the loss of so much time in school due to COVID-19, we will continue to work hard to minimise the risk of the infection being brought into our building by:

- Continuing to encourage hand sanitising on entry to the building
- Ensuring face coverings are worn where appropriate
- Continuing to clean all workspaces on entry / exit to each classroom

If we have any concerns in relation to your own young person's presence in school, the relevant House Head or Guidance teacher will be in contact. Likewise, if there is anything you feel we can do to support improved attendance / presence of your young person, please contact the relevant Guidance teacher.

Regards,



Barry Millar  
Head Teacher