

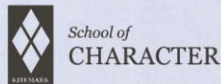
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Dear Parents/Carers

The start to the new academic year has been very good and our students have returned to school showing very high standards which has been wonderful to see. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our high expectations. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of excellent attendance.

Every pupil at TMS is expected to achieve a minimum of 96% attendance throughout the academic year, so please could you ensure you speak with your child about the importance of attending school every day.

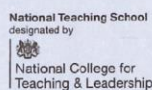
We appreciate that 96% may appear to be a good level of attendance but we strive for 100% where possible. If your child's attendance does fall below 96% we will ensure that relevant support is put in place. We will be keeping a close eye on the attendance of every student throughout the school year and will offer support and intervention where needed through our form tutors, Pastoral Leaders, Guidance Managers and myself as the Deputy Headteacher. A table is included at the end of this letter that shows the impact of missing school.

Good attendance at school is linked to better grades; robust education research has proved that if a child misses 5% of an academic year then the grade they achieve across all subjects can be one level lower than it should be. We will always be keen to explore how we can help you to improve your child's attendance if needed, so please contact the school and speak to a member of your child's pastoral team should there be an issue regarding your child's attendance that needs to be addressed.

Good punctuality to school and lessons is important to us at TMS. If a student is late to school in the morning without a genuine reason, then they will be issued with a lunchtime detention, which we refer to as a Reflection Session. Students will always be given the time to have their lunch, but we want our students to reflect on their behaviour and show high standards of personal conduct and being on-time in the morning is important to this.

Also, teachers take their lesson registers at the start of every lesson and will mark a student as late if they are not in the classroom ready to learn at the very start of a lesson. If a student receives five late marks they will receive an After-school Reflection for 40 minutes.

Being reflective is an important part of 'The Malling School Way'. We stress to our students that it is okay to make mistakes, as long as they learn from them. At TMS we learn from our mistakes and to help our students with this we ask them to complete a Reflection Sheet during an After-school Reflection so that they can reflect on any mistake they made and can learn from them and not repeat them in the future.



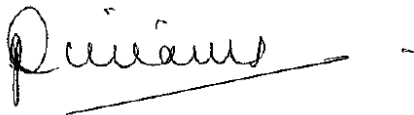
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Thank you in advance for your support with ensuring excellent attendance at TMS. If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please contact a member of your child's pastoral team, as detailed below:

Year	Head of Year	Guidance Manager
7	Mrs E Jedrzejewski jedrzejewskie@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Mrs S Newlyn newlyns@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
8	Miss S Withers witherss@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Miss H Simpson simpsonh@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
9	Mr T Fielding fieldingt@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Mrs S Hoare hoares@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
10	Mr J Barnes barnesj@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Mrs M Richardson richardsonm@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
11	Miss L Foulser foulserl@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Mrs M Richardson richardsonm@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk
12/13	Mrs K Chimanga chimangak@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk	Mrs P McCarthy mccarthyp@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Paul Williams

Deputy Headteacher - Pastoral

NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If you have 1 day off school during the year...	...will be 99.5%
If you have 2 days off school during the year...	...will be 99%
If you have 5 days off school during the year...	...will be 97.4%
If you have 10 days off school during the year...	...will be 95%
If you have 15 days off during the year...	...will be 92.4%
If you have 20 days off during the year....	...will be 90%
More than 20 days off during the year....	...your attendance will be below 90% and the school will be in contact with Kent Education Welfare Service. This is VERY SERIOUS and may lead to sanctions, court and penalties against your parents/carers.

