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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Attendance and Behaviour at James Bateman

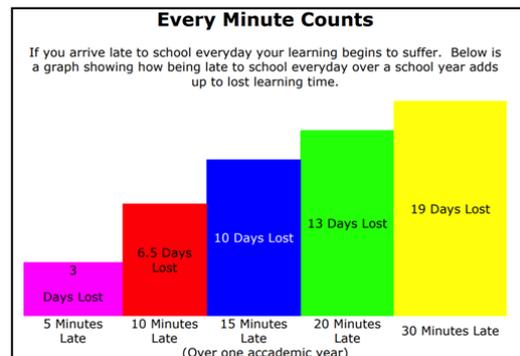
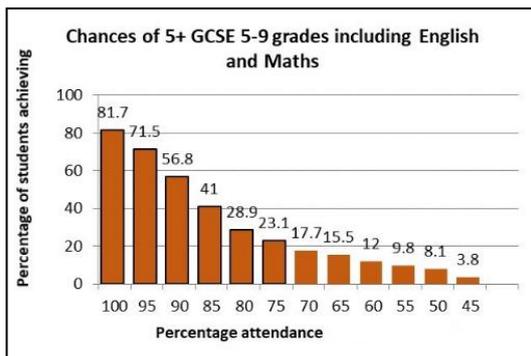
It is wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to James Bateman following what is hoped was a restful summer break. There have been some changes to our school over the break, two of which I would like to share with you here.

Firstly, following the devastation of COVID-19, we are trying to rebuild the importance of attendance at school. Our school attendance target is 96% and this is a target we hope to hit this year, now that schools have returned to 'normal'. Your child is expected to be in school, on time, every day that school is open. If your child is unwell or has an appointment then please contact the school office. Genuine absence is of course expected, but we will not authorise a leave of absence for a holiday, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Unfortunately, if you do take your child out of school for a holiday, you will be fined by the Local Authority.

There will be incentives to encourage good attendance and pupils will be informed of how well they are doing each week.

If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact us to help. We would prefer to know if there is an issue, so that we can tackle it head-on rather than the pupil missing more school than is necessary.

The graphs below show the impact of pupil absence and lateness on attainment:



The behaviour system in school remains broadly the same, in that we will reward and encourage positive behaviour and issue sanctions for behaviour that does not meet our high standards. With Arbor, you will now be able to see exactly how your child is performing in school; whether that be attainment, behaviour, rewards or attendance. On the reverse of this letter is the points system that we will be using in school. There will be many ways to get house points and plenty of competitions to encourage teamwork within classes, years and the whole school.

If you have any questions regarding the new systems we are using, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or the school office.

We are really looking forward to having a fantastic year and hope we can rely on your support to enable your children to have the best experience at our school.

Yours faithfully

Kate Baggaley

Assistant Headteacher



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How to earn House Points - 50 house points are required to be included in reward activities/trips.

Champions:

- I have contributed very positively to the lesson
- I have shown excellent attitudes towards learning
- I tried extra hard to complete all work set
- I have shown high levels of courtesy, cooperation and collaboration
- I have made accelerated progress
- I have not given up

EXTRA HOUSE POINTS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- A Special Mention (5 HP)
- No behaviour points all week (2HP)
- Praise e-card (5HP)
- Champion Board (5HP)
- Best attendance - form (Trophy) (5HP)
- 100% attendance all week (2HP)
- Representing the school (5HP)
- Best behaviour - form (Smiley face) (5HP)

A selection of criteria that will result in Behaviour Points being awarded:

REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT: 10-minute detention must be given

2BP

- I was late to the lesson with no good reason
- I have not made much progress
- I do not have the correct equipment and/or uniform
- I have shown a lack of effort and have not engaged in class work
- I have distracted other members of the class
- I have displayed poor corridor behaviour/dropping litter

CONCERN: 30-minute detention must be given

4BP

- I have failed to comply with the behaviour policy and expectations
- I have shown a lack of interest in work and not completed tasks
- I have interrupted the learning of others
- I have made limited progress

REMOVAL: Evening detention must be given

- I have failed to comply with the behaviour policy and expectations
- I have caused harm or damage to another person or property
- I have had to be removed from lesson to allow others to learn

REFLECTION: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR:

6BP

- I have shown a complete lack of respect for the teacher, TA or class
- I have continually disrupted the learning of the majority of the class
- I have committed a serious offence to a member of the school community

Receiving more than 10 behaviour points in a half term will result in removal of Reward activities/trips.