

Re: The Importance of Punctuality for Academic Success

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student reaches their full potential. As we progress through the school year, we want to remind all families of the vital role punctuality and attendance play in academic success.

Why does punctuality and attendance matter?

- Research suggests that students who are punctual and maintain excellent attendance are more likely to achieve their academic goals.
- Being on time ensures students don't miss the beginning of lessons, where key instructions and retrieval activities take place.
- Regular attendance builds habits that prepare students for the demands of further education and future careers.

Lost time adds up:

Even a few minutes of lateness each day can result in significant lost learning over the year. For example:

- 5 minutes late daily = 3.4 days of lost teaching annually
- 15 minutes late daily = 10.3 days of lost teaching annually
- 30 minutes late daily = 20.7 days of lost teaching annually

Academy expectations:

The academy gates open at 8:15am, and all students are expected to arrive by 8:30 am. Arriving after this time not only disrupts the start of the day but also impacts the learning of others.

As you may be aware, the law treats some persistent lateness in the same way as unauthorised absence and parents may be prosecuted or receive a penalty notice from the local authority if late arrival is not resolved. This has been further strengthened in new regulations which came into force in September 2024. If punctuality does not improve, the school may have no choice but to escalate this matter.

How we can work together:

We understand that occasional challenges may arise. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's punctuality or attendance, please reach out to us. We are here to provide support and advice to help overcome barriers and ensure your child has every opportunity to succeed.

Let's work together to make sure every student at Jewellery Quarter Academy gets the most out of their education.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to your child's future.

Yours sincerely,



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