



November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Punctuality to School

Thank you for your support with regards to ensuring children do arrive to school for 8.40am each morning. We have seen a marked improvement already this half term and this allows us to ensure form time is utilised to its full effectiveness.

We would like to provide you with some further clarification regarding late detentions. If students arrive after 8.40am, they will be issued with a same day detention. Parents will be informed via Class Charts, as has previously been communicated. This detention will be for 20 minutes if arriving before 9.00am or 40 minutes if arriving after 9.00am. Please note, in line with DFE guidance, any student who arrives 30 minutes after the registers have opened (9.15am) must be coded as an unauthorised absence.

Only in exceptional circumstances, for example, emergency medical appointments or extreme weather conditions such as snow, will detentions be removed. **In such cases students will not be issued with a late detention and no notification will be sent home.**

Whilst we understand traffic conditions can be variable; we open the school from 8.00am to ensure students using public transport can plan for this and can ensure they are on time for the start of the school day.

Please note that students traveling on the Bellerive school buses are not affected by this.

We have been working closely with the bus company to ensure all students arrive at school on time. If a particular route experiences ongoing delays, we will adjust its schedule to ensure a punctual arrival.

Kind regards

Mr Ian Withers
Deputy Headteacher

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