



DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

05 June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The vast majority of our students arrive at school on time, equipped, well-dressed and ready to learn. We would like to ensure that these young people get the best start to their school day by avoiding interruptions to their learning time caused by individuals who arrive late.

As you will be aware in line with our behaviour policy, if a student arrives Late to the Academy or Late to a Lesson this will result in a -3 30 minute same-day detention after school. As a parent you can view your child's lesson-by-lesson attendance and overall attendance on the MCAS app.

To clarify our expectations, students should be at their year group line up at **8:25am ready to enter the building at 8:30am**. We are working closely with the NISA shop, who have recently attended our community forum and have agreed that in order to support consistent punctuality to line up in the mornings **no Darwen Vale student will be allowed to enter the NISA shop after 8:25am**.

With regards to lesson punctuality, students have **3 minutes** to transition between lessons before being marked as late.

If your child has been identified as being persistently late to school you will be receiving a follow up letter which details the number of times they have been late to school, their overall attendance percentage and the actions to support you and your child going forwards.

If for any reason you need to let school know that your child will be late and to not set a detention, please ensure you are emailing their Head of Year on the email addresses below. Our aim is to not sanction those who have a genuine need.

Year 7 – Adam Smith adam.smith@darwenvale.com

Year 8 – Zoe Wood (Acting HoY) Zoe.Wood@darwenvale.com

Year 9 – Claire McKenna Claire.mckenna@darwenvale.com

Year 10 – Rebecca Bridges (Acting HoY) Rebecca.bridges@darwenvale.com

Year 11 – Darren Adcroft DAdcroft@darwenvale.com

We know that these reminders will apply to a few students, and we thank you in advance for your support with punctuality and attendance. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the relevant Head of Year on the email addresses above.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Little
Principal