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Dear Parents and Carers,

Punctuality to School and to Period 1

You may have seen on our social media, or heard directly from your children, that we have been working hard to inject some fun into the mornings before the school day begins. From 8:00am each morning there are daily activities for pupils to enjoy with their friends. These include: Monday music, cartoons chosen by the pupils playing on our Atrium screens, staff and pupil karaoke, Play Your Cards Right and Would I Lie to You? These have been a really lovely start to the day, with lots of smiles from staff and pupils alike! Further events coming soon are: Bushtucker Trials, Darts and even our own attempt at The Masked Singer!

In addition to this, we are pleased to introduce a new reward initiative called "On Time for a Prize". Pupils who are in their classroom and ready to learn at 8:30am will be entered into a prize draw announced each Friday at 8:20am, with some fantastic prizes to be won. Pupils receive a virtual raffle ticket each time that they are on time to Period 1, meaning that those who are consistently punctual will have a greater chance of winning.

Lastly, a free breakfast bagel remains available to every pupil every morning, alongside other breakfast items that can be purchased. This is to support families with the busy morning routine and ensure pupils start their day ready to learn on a full stomach.

As we have worked hard to give pupils a reason to be in school early, we now need them to do their part. Our expectation is that pupils are seated in their classroom and ready to begin Period 1 at 8:30am. To ensure a calm and smooth start to the day, pupils should therefore be on site for 8.25am at the latest.

From Monday, we will be making an important change to how we respond to lateness:

- If a pupil arrives late to school more than once within the same week, they will receive a 45-minute after-school detention on the Friday of that week. This will be in addition to the break-time detention issued on the days that they were late.

Being punctual is a key life skill that prepares pupils for the world of work, building reliability, responsibility and trust. We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality to school and readiness to learn.

Kind regards,

Matt Hacker
Principal