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**28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Attendance at Outwood Academy Brumby**

With us reaching the final third of the academic year, it is important that all of our students attend school on time every day.

Please visit the Outwood Academy Brumby website at: [www.brumby.outwood.com](http://www.brumby.outwood.com). The website contains the Outwood Academy Brumby attendance policy and other important information about ways that all stakeholders, be that students, parents/carers, teachers or other staff, can work together to promote a positive attitude towards school attendance.

If your child is feeling a little under the weather, please consider whether it is necessary for them to be kept off school. There is an 80% difference in the number of students who go on to achieve GCSEs at the national standard between those with a 90% attendance and those with an attendance of 97%.

Any unplanned, but unavoidable absence such as a genuine illness, needs communicating to the academy as soon as possible to avoid truancy calls being made unnecessarily to you. Please notify the academy on each day of your child's absence. We understand that a number of things can impact on a child attending the academy regularly and should this be the case you may wish to discuss and explore what support is available by contacting Mrs Cath Lewis, Vice Principal. Please email [enquiries@brumby.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@brumby.outwood.com) for the attention of Mrs Lewis, so that arrangements may be made for a time to discuss these concerns with you and the appropriate members of the Inclusion team.

Please also encourage your child to be in school on time every day. If a student arrives after 8:25am, they must enter through reception and they will receive a late mark from the attendance officer. The academy will be making contact with the parent/carers of any student who arrives late more than once in a week and they will not be considered for any of the fantastic weekly 100% attendance rewards. We encourage all students to be on site by 8:15am in the morning to avoid delays resulting in lateness.

Five minutes of lost learning per day amounts to 3 whole days of lost learning across the academic year. Here at Outwood Academy Brumby we value every minute of every lesson, every single day. With this in mind, we encourage all parents and carers to send their children to school on time, every day.

Yours faithfully



Justin Parkinson

**Associate Assistant Principal**