

# Armthorpe Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break. Our students have returned to school this week re-energised and ready to learn. The sun and lighter mornings always bring a vibrance too. Thank you for your support; uniform is generally smart, and the vast majority of our students are well-equipped. A few students have lost planners over the Easter break. The planner is a mandatory piece of equipment. If your child loses or misplaces their planner, day sheets are available, but if the original cannot be found a new planner must be purchased using Parent Pay. Replacement planners are £2.50 to cover the additional printing and binding costs.

## Next Step ... Punctuality

As you are aware, we increased our expectations last half term which has led to many improvements in school. Our students have responded very well, so we now progress to the next step to continue to raise standards. Punctuality to school is a currently a barrier to learning. Students need to be on site for 8:25 with lessons starting promptly at 8:30. At present, we have several students arriving late each day, which I am sure is often because they have visited local shops on the journey to school. I am sure you will agree good punctuality is a life skill that is imperative in the workplace, so we must hone this skill in our young people to help them succeed in adult life. One of our key school values is responsibility. I have spoken to our learners this week about the importance of arriving to school on time. As of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, there will be consequences for arriving late to school (loss of break time for under 15 minutes and an after-school detention for over 15 minutes). Hopefully, this step will eradicate poor punctuality due to choice of behaviour, but it will also ensure that the students who constantly make the right choice and arrive to school on time are rewarded through our behaviour system, as consequences result in the loss of credits. Net totals are used (positive minus negative points) to distribute rewards at the end of each half term. All behaviour points were reset to zero at the start of the week to give everyone a fresh start this half term.

## Lateral Flow Testing

Thank you to families who have been diligently using home testing kits to ensure COVID tests are completed twice a week (on a Wednesday and Sunday). All students (who have given consent) have been given further kits this week to last until week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Please continue to help keep our school community safe by ensuring your child uses the kits provided.

## Parent Governors

We currently have vacancies for parent governors to join the Local Authority Board (LAB). The LAB meets once every half term and play a key role in the life and development of the Academy. The role might be described as one of a critical friend; LAB governors support and challenge as appropriate to ensure the children of Armthorpe receive the best quality of education possible. We have attached a flyer and also an LAB role descriptor which will provide you with further information regarding the vacancy. If you are passionate about improving the life chances for our young people, have an interest in the community, or feel you have a skill set that could add to the board's experience and expertise, then we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration with us. Take care and have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Claire Robbins  
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs Claire Robbins

Inside everyone there is a rainbow waiting to shine.

Ambition

Pride

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

