

# Plympton Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that your child has had an enjoyable summer and is now ready to return to school for the start of the new academic year.

This year, we have altered our approach to Rewards and Sanctions. In addition to students being issued Reward Points for any positive learning behaviour linked to school values, they will also be recognised and rewarded for other achievements such as attaining 100% attendance within each school week. A major Academy focus is being placed on students achieving outstanding attendance. In addition, we would like to ask for your support in ensuring that all students arrive at school wearing the correct uniform.

We will also be making every effort to enable students to start each school day afresh from any previous incidents. We appreciate the following guidelines will only apply to a small number of students. It is our intention to resolve all issues that arise on the same day they occur. Whilst the primary target for all teachers is to enable students to perform to the best of their abilities, there may be occasions, after numerous warnings and chances to reflect, that students are asked to leave the lesson and work with another teacher. In the rare instances where this occurs, we will be requiring students to remain in school on the same day from 3-4pm in an attempt to resolve the issue before the student returns to school the following day. This will give staff an opportunity to hold a restorative conversation with the student and set targets for the next lesson in an attempt to reduce the likelihood of repeated incidents. If such action is deemed necessary, you will be notified at the earliest opportunity via a text message or phone call. For information, in accordance with current legislation, schools are permitted to detain students after timetabled hours on the same day as an incident. We are asking for your cooperation in this matter as we believe that this will support all students in their studies at Plympton Academy.

If you have any queries regarding the details in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

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