

15th July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Internal Truancy at TPA (The Portsmouth Academy)

I am writing this to share with you the success of the 'Arrive in 5' campaign. We have seen a significant reduction in internal truancy across the school. We know that students make the most progress when they are immersed in learning. Arrive in 5 has supported full access to teaching and learning for all students so staff can start their lessons promptly. This was also recognised by our partner school from the Behaviour Hub when they visited earlier this term.

As previously stated in my last letter, there are times when students are authorised out of lessons, and these are listed below:

- Student is using their pass to the Link
- Student is using their pass to the Pastoral Hub
- Student is using a corridor slip to attend a meeting
- Student is using their toilet pass
- Student is being asked to run an errand by a member of staff

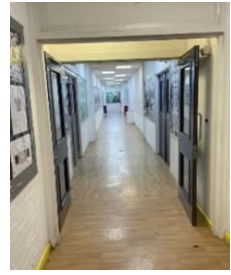
For all the above reasons, plus others authorised by the teacher, the student will be provided with a signed corridor pass.

I am aware there have been some negative posts on social media. Please rest assured that we are not sanctioning any student without due cause. We have systems and processes in place to support learning. If a student is late to lesson and has a pass, they are not sanctioned.

As you will agree, being in lessons is vital for your child to succeed. When students are attending lessons, which the majority of students do, they take another step towards achieving success with their learning. If a student fails to attend a lesson it is a lost opportunity. If they do not attend lessons they are not in the same position as others within the class. Imagine reading a book and missing chapters 2, 3 and 4, then reading again from chapter 5 or watching a TV series and missing episodes 3, 4 and 5, then watching episode 6. In both cases you would not know what has taken place and would be lost. This is the same impact as missing a lesson.

Please continue to support us so that we can work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for your child.

If you any questions or would like to discuss Arrive in 5 further, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.



Yours faithfully,

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Vice Principal