



**THE HART
SCHOOL**
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RSA/SHN

4 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school this week. We have had a really positive start to the academic year, and I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support.

Our students have returned looking incredibly smart, and it is clear that families have worked hard to ensure that children are well prepared and ready to learn. Thank you.

Attendance – Every Day Matters

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential.

Our attendance target is **95% or above**. To put this into context:

- **95% attendance = around 9 - 10 days absent across the school year**
- **90% attendance = around 19 days absent – almost four weeks of school missed**

Missing even one or two lessons can create gaps in learning. When students return, the class has moved on, and they can find themselves trying to catch up while continuing with new learning. Over time, these gaps can become increasingly difficult to close.

There is also a clear link between attendance and achievement. Students with attendance of **95% or above are significantly more likely to achieve strong GCSE outcomes by the end of Year 11.**

For students who finished the last academic year with attendance of **90% or below**, we will require medical evidence to support any absence this academic year.

We understand that children sometimes become unwell and that medical appointments can be difficult to arrange outside school hours. However, we ask that families work with us wherever possible to minimise the amount of learning missed.

Uniform and Jewellery

Thank you again for your support with uniform. Our students look incredibly smart, and there are very few issues.

The main area requiring occasional reminders is jewellery. For clarity, students may wear:



- **One pair of small stud earrings in the earlobes**
- **One flat ring**
- **A watch**

The following are not permitted:

- Necklaces
- Bracelets or ankle bracelets
- Hoop earrings or large studs
- Fake nails or fake eyelashes
- Excessive makeup or fake tan
- Two tone hair dye or unnatural hair

Please remember that the school cannot take responsibility for jewellery brought into school.

As with mobile phones, inappropriate items that are confiscated will **not be returned directly to students.** Parents or carers will be asked to collect them from school. Your support in discussing these expectations with your child will help us avoid unnecessary conflict and maintain the positive start we have made.

Visiting School

Please remember that The Hart School operates on an **appointment-only basis.**

Parents and visitors arriving without an appointment will not be permitted onto the school site. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures.

If you would like to meet with a member of staff, please contact them directly or contact reception to arrange an appointment.

Year	Heads of Year	SSO
7	Kate Ryan – Katie.Ryan@hartschool.org.uk	Sally Burns – Sally.Burns@hartschool.org.uk
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Parking and Student Safety

With over 1,200 students arriving and leaving our site each day, we ask parents and carers to park responsibly.

Please do not park on double yellow lines, particularly along **Chase Side Drive**, as this creates unnecessary risks for our students.

Where possible, we encourage students to walk to school. If you need to drop off or collect your child by car, please consider using an appropriate location away from the immediate school entrance.

Our Phone-Free School

Thank you for your continued support with our phone-free school approach. Over the last 12 months, this has had a really positive impact on the school environment.

Please also ensure that your child's **Arbor account is topped up at the beginning of the week**, where appropriate, so that they can purchase food and refreshments during break and lunchtime.

Finally, thank you once again for helping us achieve such a positive start to the new academic year. It has been fantastic to see students back in school, looking smart, following routines and ready to learn.

We are very much looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or Year Team.

Yours sincerely,

R Sandham
Principal