



19 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance, Truancy and Lateness

Beath High School is committed to improving attainment for all our young people. An integral part of improving attainment is pupil attendance at school and good timekeeping. For young people to have the best possible chance of achieving their potential, it is in their best interests to arrive in school on time and to attend all their timetabled classes, ready for learning. Being present for morning registration and having a consistent attendance gives pupils the best opportunity to achieve their potential and succeed.

The Beath High School day begins at 08.51am. A warning bell is sounded two minutes before registration to signal to the pupils that they should begin making their way to register class. It should also be noted that Year Heads lead Year Group Assemblies in the Assembly Hall during registration at 08.51am every week:

Monday	– S1 Assembly
Tuesday	– S2 Assembly
Wednesday	– S3 Assembly
Thursday	– S4 Assembly
Friday	– S5/S6 Assembly

Assemblies and Registration are important. They provide pupils with key information and vital learning opportunities. Currently, too many Beath pupils are regularly missing Assembly and Registration because they are either late into school or truanting in the school building at the start of the school day. We are now taking steps to ensure that all of our young people attend registration and assembly. We will be making contact with you if your young person is regularly late or truants registration/assembly in the school building.

After registration, pupils are expected to attend all of their classes on time. Pupils' timekeeping to classes is closely monitored as good timekeeping is a life-skill and will be required in the world of work.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could reinforce these important messages at home.

If your child arrives at school by car, please ensure that they are dropped off in plenty time for registration. We understand, however, that occasionally pupils will be late for school. If you are running late in the morning, please contact the school office to inform them as soon as possible. Should your child be regularly late or absent we will contact you to discuss this further.

Improving attendance continues to be a whole school priority this session. To further support our young people and their families, two Principal Teachers whose remit is to support attendance continue to work with each guidance house. Miss Rebecca Loughran works with Katrine and Rannoch House and Miss Abbi Anderson works with Lomond and Ness House. Our partnership will help to ensure that your young person achieves their potential. Should you require further information please contact your young person's guidance teacher.

Yours faithfully

Depute Rector