

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 7 to 10 Students

Our ref: 87508901

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Updates and Helpful Reminders in Preparation for September 2023

I hope you and your family are well.

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to provide an update on our pastoral arrangements from September as well as share a few reminders which I hope are helpful in preparation for the new academic year.

From September, whilst our students will continue to be allocated to one of six Houses and participate in our inter house competitions and events, the first point of pastoral contact for you and your child will be the relevant pastoral lead and Head of Year for your child's year group. These I have detailed below:

Year 7: Mrs Lindsley
Year 8: Mrs Ellis
Year 9: Mrs Davies and Miss Brady
Year 10: Miss Drewery
Year 11: Mrs Henderson

These colleagues will be supported by a Head of Student Support as well as Assistant Heads of Year. As non-teaching posts, these will add significant additional capacity and availability to our pastoral team and enhance the pastoral care that we offer to our students and yourselves. Recruitment to these posts is nearing completion and I look forward to introducing these colleagues to you before the end of term.

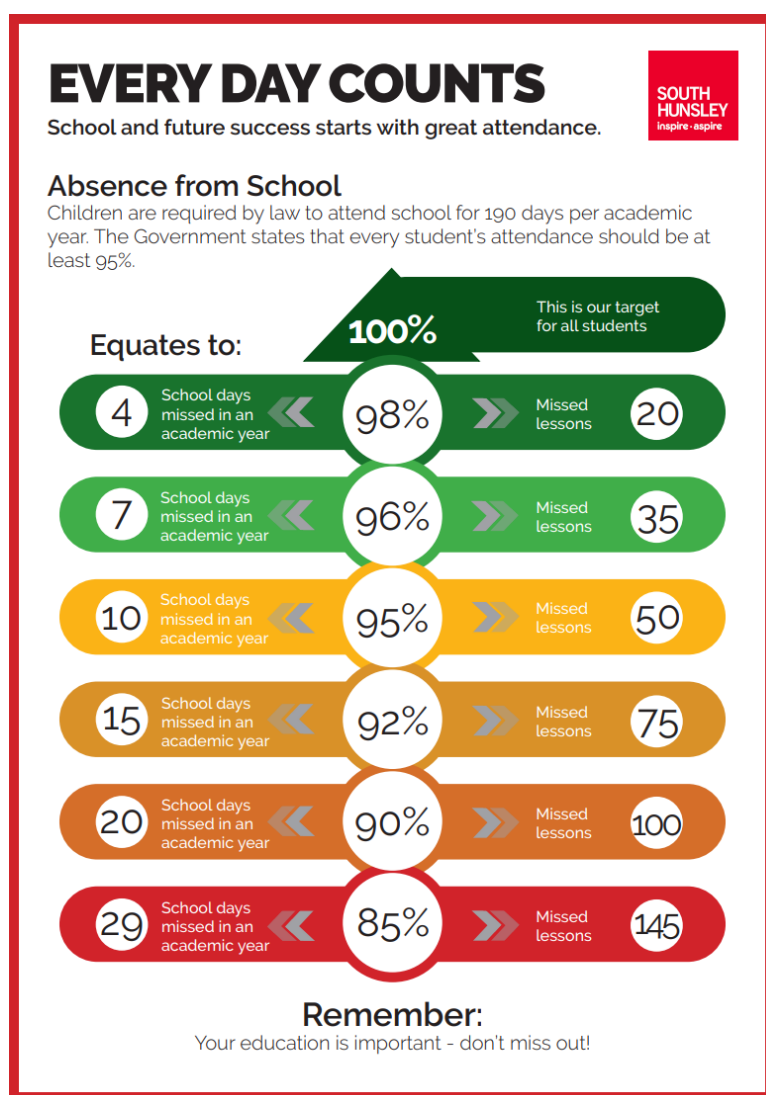
In addition, this team of colleagues will be led by two Assistant Headteachers who will have oversight of a key stage each. Mr Duerden will lead Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) with Mrs Sprakes leading Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11). Both are senior leaders as well as members of the school's senior leadership team and they will be in touch with you at the start of the new term.

Please find here a link to our uniform expectations where you can also find details regarding our uniform suppliers.

<https://southhunsley.org.uk/parent-information/uniform/>

As you can see, there are no planned changes for our uniform from September, but I would ask all parents/carers to take some time to revisit what we do expect, particularly around trousers, footwear and jewellery so that your child is fully prepared and equipped for the start of the new academic year. Should you have any questions about what we expect then please do not hesitate to contact us via enquires@southhunsley.org.uk

Crucial to making a strong start to the academic year and ensuring a successful educational experience is attendance and ensuring your child is in school every day and on time. Whilst attendance has always been a key focus for schools it has become, as a result of the pandemic, even more important as we work together to close those knowledge gaps that have understandably opened up due to lockdown. In responding to this, it is important that we do everything we can to ensure that students attend every day and on time. Below is a simple infographic, which demonstrates the impact of school absence.



As you know, our school day starts with tutor time at 8.40am and I would ask that all students are through our entrance gates by 8.30am and in their tutor rooms for a prompt 8.40am start. Below is a link to our Attendance policy and procedure which I hope is helpful.

<https://southhunsley.org.uk/files/uploads/2022/10/Student-Attendance-Policy-v5-Sept-2022-FINAL-1.pdf>

Should you need any support, advice or guidance with regards to your child's attendance then please do reach out to our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Davis, at Sarah.Davis@southhunsley.org.uk

As part of our focus on being more sustainable, we do encourage students to walk or cycle to school and it has been great to see so many doing so this year. We hope that more will take up this method of travelling to school from September and would be grateful if you could encourage your child, if they currently do not to do so. Where this is not possible, and you need to drop your child off in the morning, then as we have this year, please do so via the bus park, if coming from the Welton direction or the front of school D area if coming from the direction of Swanland and North Ferriby.

I hope these updates and reminders are helpful and please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss this or any school issue further.

Kind regards



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