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Dear Blaise families,

We hope you and your children had a wonderful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming the Year 11 and Resource Base students back to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, and all year groups on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

As we prepare for this new term we would like to remind all children that school is open from 8am for free breakfast, and the main student entrance is open to the courtyards at 8.20am. The school gates will then be closed at 8:35am and school begins.

Our tutor time reading programme is a crucial part of our school day. It ensures that every child is prepared for school, having their equipment and self-quizzing checked, and allows them to continue to build their reading skills as part of their tutor time reading programme. It also allows all students to receive key messages and information at the morning line up, and bring us together as a Blaise community.

With this in mind, we need all students to be in school on time, every morning. As you are aware, students that are late will have a detention on the same day. The My Child at School App will have this information on the app, so you can see if your child was on time to school. You will also be notified if your child has a detention that evening.

We recognise that at times, the local infrastructure or an incident could occur that results in the one-off incident of lateness. Additionally, if a child has an appointment, please let the reception team know, with evidence, so that your child does not receive a detention for this lateness, and the attendance mark would then not be a 'late' mark.

However, it is unacceptable for a child to be frequently late to school. Therefore, if a child is late three times in a week to school, they will be placed in our Ready for Learning Centre that day. As per usual, students with exemplary behaviour and completion of excellent work would allow them to reduce their time in the Ready for Learning Centre, so that they can return to lessons. In order for students to be ready for learning, they must be punctual. Punctuality is an essential characteristic to develop for success in climbing their own personal mountains to the very best universities or careers of their choosing.

There has been a change to the late gate this term; If your child is late to school, they can enter through the normal student entrance (gate along the alleyway off Station Road) until 9.25am. Any child later than 9.25am will need to enter school via the main entrance on Station Road and walk into reception. If there is anything we can do to support your child in being on time to school, please contact their Head of Year.

The video for this letter can be found <u>here</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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