



The  
Portsmouth Academy

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Dear Parents,

I am very proud of the vast majority of students who have returned to TPA since the March re-opening extremely well and are focussing on learning.

As a school community we are experiencing a small minority of students who are struggling to meet the standards required in lessons. This is having an impact on the wellbeing of the whole community. As a result, I have made the decision to alter our current behaviour system.

Truancy will equal an immediate removal from the school community into Internal Exclusion. This will be for at least one school day. E.g. if a student truants Monday period 2, they will remain in Internal Exclusion until the end of period 2 the following day.

If behaviour meets any of the following criteria within lessons, your child will be removed and taken to Internal Exclusion for at least one school day.

1. Significant disruption to the learning and progress of students – The Choice, Chance and Consequence system will be used by staff. If your child does not take up the choice and chance to improve their behavior, an immediate removal to Internal Exclusion will be the consequence.
2. Highly disrespectful to staff – immediate removal to Internal Exclusion.
3. Unsafe behaviour – immediate removal to Internal Exclusion.

Senior staff will support within Internal Exclusion to ensure that children are set learning activities to cover the core curriculum.

If your child has been removed from a lesson, or been found to have been truanting, they will be expected to remain on site in Internal Exclusion until 3.30pm in order for the class teacher, or member of the year team to meet with them to restore the relationship. You will receive an email to let you know that this is the case.

If your child refuses, you will be contacted by a member of senior staff and requested to support; further consequences may be deemed necessary at this stage.

To support our children in being able to make a fresh start around their choices for behaviour, all current detentions in the system will be removed and every member of the community will have a blank slate from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

This decision has been made to protect the learning and culture of the school community and has not been taken lightly. The Portsmouth Academy has a strong reputation across the wider community as an excellent learning establishment, which transforms the life chances of our students. To retain this culture and ethos, our teachers must be able to deliver high quality lessons uninterrupted by a small minority.

Yours sincerely,

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