

**Friday 29th
September**

Dear parents/carers and students,

It has been a very busy week for the school as we welcomed around 350 families to our Open Evening last night. Frustratingly I was unable to be there in person due to illness (my first missed Open Evening in 11 years as a headteacher) but all of the feedback from staff and families has been excellent. Huge thanks must go to all of the staff and students involved in making the evening such a success.

As the event was in a new format this year we would welcome any feedback from those who attended. If you know of families who are happy to provide feedback (positive or things we could improve) please ask them to email their comments to office@theangmeringschool.co.uk for my attention.

Open Morning

There are still a few places left on some of the Open Morning tours which take place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you know of any families who have not yet booked a place please direct them to our website where they can complete an online form and (hopefully) grab one of the few remaining places.

When are students classed as 'late' to school in the morning?

We have had a few students and parents asking for clarification regarding what time students need to be walking into school in the mornings. As students need to be in their tutor bases before the 8:45 bell we ask that students come onto the site no later than 8:40. Students arriving at the gates after 8:40 will have their Standards Cards signed to record their lateness to school. Please speak to your children about this if they are in the habit of 'cutting it fine' in the mornings! Many thanks.

Limiting vehicle access to the site to ensure students' safety

As was the case throughout last year we do not allow parents/carers to drive their vehicles onto the school site during drop off or pick up times. The only exception to this is for children with physical disabilities which make it significantly difficult for them to make their own way in from Greenwood Drive or Bramley Green. All eligible parents/carers should have yellow permits to display on their dashboards or in their windscreens. The LNC team will continue to manage the allocation of these permits and will be happy to help new parents/carers who wish to apply for one.

If your child does not fall into this small group you need to drop your child in the surrounding area so that they can walk onto the school site. This will ensure we minimise on-site traffic, increasing safety and maintaining access for buses and emergency vehicles.

The importance of regular attendance

During our year group assemblies last week we shared the following data with your children. It shows the average GCSE grades for students in Year 11 last year who fell into the different categories of school attendance (the best attenders are at the top):

100 - 95 % Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 5.0
94 - 90 % Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 4.4
89 - 85 % Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 3.9
84 -80 % Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 3.5
79 - 71 % Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 3.2
Below 71% Attendance	Average GCSE Grade 1.3

We hope that this gave them a very clear picture of why regular school attendance is so important. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day.

Uniform and equipment reminder

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who support their children by ensuring that they come to school each day with all of the required equipment. Most children have returned to school well equipped but a few continue to arrive missing some vital equipment. In particular all children should bring with them each day:

A pencil case, calculator (scientific), ruler, protractor, set square, set of compasses, black/blue pens (4), purple pens (2) (for correcting or improving their work), pencils (4), an eraser, glue stick and their standards card.

In terms of uniform, once again, the vast majority of students are in perfect uniform every day but there are a few minor issues which we would appreciate your support to eradicate:

- Students should wear either socks (plain black, grey or white) or tights (black) but **NOT** both. All socks should be plain and without logos.
- Skirt lengths should **not** be altered from those provided by the uniform supplier. If they are shortened you may be asked to replace the skirt with a correct length one at your own cost.
- Shoes need to be black leather or leather look (able to be polished), must not bear any sports brand logos and must **NOT** be trainers.

Thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher

Student News

Sports News

Two wins from two as the Yr8 Football team pick up their second win of the District League with a weather hindered but battling performance against Steyning. Congratulations to all involved, keep up the hard work.



Student Bulletin

Every Monday we send the students a newsletter which includes important weekly events and notices, sports clubs, and celebrates their achievements. Please click here to see this weeks Bulletin.

[Link to The Student Bulletin](#)

Current Vacancies

- Cover Supervisors - [Link to the vacancy](#)

Diary Dates

- Monday 2nd October Year 10 Information Evening
- Tuesday 3rd October, Wednesday 4th October and Thursday 5th October - Open Mornings for year 6 transition 2024/25
- Wednesday 4th October Drama Blood Brothers Trip
- Thursday 5th October Sixth Form Open Evening

Key Contacts for parents/carers

Key Contact	Email Addresses	Phone Numbers
Year 7 Key Contacts		
Mrs Marshall (Attendance Officer)	smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778354
Miss Pegden (Head of Year 7)	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317
Mrs Ford & Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
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Mrs Jones (Attendance Officer)	ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778323
Miss Matthews (Head of Year 8)	smatthews@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778303
Mrs Ford & Mrs O'Hare (Student Support)	dohare@theangmeringschool.co.uk sford@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778389
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Mrs Wilson (Student Support)	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341
Year 11 Key Contacts		
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Mrs Wilson (Student Support)	lwilson@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778341

Key Contacts for parents/carers

Sixth Form Key Contacts

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Ambition
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The Angmering School Attendance Overview

Contact details for reporting an absence

Year 7

Mrs Marshall: Telephone – 01903778354 Email – smarshall@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Text Message: 07700185859

Year 8 and Year 11

Mrs Jones: Telephone- 01903778323 Email – ljones@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Text Message: 07700185859

Year 9 and 10

Miss Silva: Telephone – 01903778331 Email ssilva@theangmeringschool.co.uk

Text Message: 07700185859

Reporting Procedure for Absences

- All absences must be reported to the attendance teams only, no later than 8.30am and a reason must be given. Absences that are not reported by 8.30am and are also without a reason will be marked as unauthorised.
- All absences are to be reported to the attendance teams only using the correct contact details provided above, any absences reported to other members of staff may not be received in the attendance office and therefore may be unauthorised.
- If your child has a sickness bug we ask that they remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness, if your child attends school before this time period they will be sent home. This is to prevent the spread of illness across the year groups.
- We expect your child to attend school on occasions such as period pains, feeling sick (without being sick) and headaches unless they have supporting medical evidence.
- Covid – if your child has tested positive for Covid and feels unwell we ask that they remain off school for 3 days from the date of the positive test. They can then return to school on day 4 without a negative test providing they feel well enough to attend.
- All medical appointments should be booked after school and in school holidays wherever possible. Any absence for a medical appointment without evidence, i.e. appointment card, appointment text and hospital appointment letter will be marked as unauthorised.
- Students are expected to come into school before and after their appointments unless agreed otherwise, please give the attendance team 24 hours' notice of medical appointments.
- We are unable to authorise holidays in term time; this is in line with West Sussex and government guidance. All exceptional circumstances requests must be submitted with an absence request form available from the Attendance Team or via the school website and requested in advance of the absence. Any absence not requested correctly will be marked as unauthorised.

Should I keep my **child off school?**

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
97% Attendance	5 days of Absence , 1 week of learning missed	Good
95% Attendance	9 days of Absence , 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence , 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence , 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of Absence , 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week, or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks every year.