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Principal's Termly Update to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank you for your continued support and share the very strong progress we are seeing across The Prescot School.

This term has been defined by a calm, purposeful and positive culture, where students are working hard, behaving well and taking pride in their school. Visitors consistently comment on the respectful atmosphere and the clear routines that are now embedded across daily school life.

Each week, I speak directly to all students through our Monday morning assembly. This is a key part of how we build our culture and ensure consistency across the school. In these assemblies, I regularly reinforce a simple but important message:

The Prescot School is not that school anymore.

By this, I mean the school that may once have been seen as lacking ambition, facing challenges with behaviour and attendance, or experiencing declining numbers. I am very clear with students that this is no longer who we are.

We are now a school of high expectations, where every student is expected to attend, behave well and achieve their very best. It's the way we do things around here.

This message is understood and embraced by our students, and it is reflected in the significant improvements we are seeing.

Behaviour and Culture

The improvements in behaviour this year have been substantial:

- Negative behaviour incidents have reduced by over 50% compared to last year
- Suspensions have reduced
- Disruption in lessons has more than halved
- 90% of students say their peers are making the right choices in lessons

Student and parent feedback is equally strong:

- 100% of students report behaviour has improved at break and lunch
- 91% of students say they feel safe in school
- Parent confidence has risen significantly, with up to 95% of parents stating their child feels happy and safe in school

OUR VISION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO NURTURING WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED, SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE, AND EQUIPPED WITH THE SKILLS TO THRIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD



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Attendance

Attendance continues to improve rapidly:

Whole school attendance has risen from 85.7% to over 90%

Persistent absence has reduced from 43% to 27%

The number of students with 100% attendance has doubled.

Attendance for key groups has also improved significantly.

Teaching, Learning and Outcomes

There is clear evidence that improvements in teaching are having a direct impact, over 250 lesson visits show consistent, high-quality teaching

Our Year 11 intervention programme is a real strength, with high attendance at additional sessions and clear improvements between mock examinations.

Reading and Support

We are also seeing strong impact in literacy:

Reading scores have improved significantly

The number of weaker readers has reduced considerably

Over 75% of disadvantaged and SEND students have improved their reading age

Working Together – Our Expectations

To continue this strong improvement, we need your support in maintaining our high expectations. We do not expect parents to be experts in Maths, English or Science. The most important support you can provide is ensuring that your child:

- attends school every day
- arrives on time
- is fully equipped (school bag, pencil case and whiteboard)

The research is clear: students who attend school regularly are happier, learn more and achieve better outcomes.

We understand that there can be times when children face challenges, such as friendship issues, worries about school, minor illness or disagreements. However, keeping children off school is rarely the solution. We have strong systems and experienced staff in place to support students with these issues in school, where they can be addressed quickly and effectively without disrupting their education.

Wider School Experience and Community

We are incredibly proud of the community we are building together. Thank you for your continued support on this journey as we move towards becoming the school of choice in Knowsley and beyond.

This is reflected in the growing confidence in the school:

Year 7 applications have increased significantly, with over 200 more applications compared to last year

Parental engagement continues to rise, including a 19% increase in attendance at parents' evenings

93% of parents say concerns are dealt with effectively

95% of parents say they are kept informed about their child's progress

I would also like to draw your attention to the newsletter included with this letter. It highlights the wide range of opportunities available to our students and the many ways they can get involved in school life. I would like to thank all of our staff who work so hard to provide these opportunities and make these experiences possible for our students.

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Looking Ahead

We are proud of the progress made this year. The Prescott School is improving rapidly across behaviour, attendance, teaching and outcomes. However, we are not complacent. We will continue to build on this momentum and ensure that every child receives the very best education.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming all students back to school on **Monday 13th April**.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Reynolds
Principal