



31 October 2023

Dear families

I would like to thank you all for your support during the first half term. It has been a very busy but rewarding start to the school year. Thanks to the dedication of our staff and the hard work and determination of our students we have had a half term full of success with much to celebrate. I am very proud of our community and all that they have achieved. We have a newly formed Student Leadership team, we have welcomed over 40 new families to the Academy over the past 5 weeks as well as our new Y7 students, and we held a very successful Y6 Open Evening and Y11 Information Evening. We have also welcomed the Academy of St Margarets to the All Saints Multi Academy Trust.

Social media

We are sharing our good news and key information using our social media channels. Our website is currently under review and key details are being updated. In the meantime, we would love you to follow us on Instagram (academy_stfrancisofassisi) and on X, formerly known as Twitter (@academy_assisi). We are trying to reach 1000 followers on Instagram by Christmas so please encourage your family to follow us too.



Basic standards and expectations

We will be continuing to focus on the **basics in class and around school**. It is **compulsory for all students to wear full school uniform including a blazer, tie, and school shoes (correct black footwear - no trainers at all, including 'on cloud' trainers)**. We have a stock of new and used uniform for any student/family who needs it. Students who come to school without the correct uniform, will be provided with the missing items such as shoes, blazer, or tie. For those that consistently refuse to cooperate with basic rules over clothing families will be invited into school to discuss how we can rectify the matter. If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform, please contact the office because we may be able to assist you.

Our students and staff expect the Academy to be safe, calm, and orderly. Our students should be **polite, and respectful to all**. Students should come to school **on time every day**, wear the correct **uniform** and be **ready to learn** with the necessary equipment. Our staff will expect excellent behaviour and they will provide consistent and fair discipline based on a clear code of conduct. Very simply we expect all students to:



Where behaviour falls short of these expectation, serious consequences will follow.



I thank you for your support as our staff continue to work hard to develop a school culture of high expectation and high standards of behaviour. I would like to remind you that any verbal abuse of our staff by parents or students is not acceptable, and further action will be taken if this happens.

Attendance

Our students should be in school every day. All absence from school will be challenged, with home visits and concerns raised with the police and local authority as necessary. Parents/carers will be issued with warning periods and/or fixed penalty notices if a child's attendance falls to an unacceptable level. We expect a **minimum of 97% attendance** for all students. This can only be achieved with **2 days or less** absence per term. The attendance reward for this half term will be a £30 Nando's voucher. All students with 100% attendance for this half term will be eligible. All eligible students in each year will be entered into a prize draw on Thursday 21 December

If your child is absent from school, you must call us to let us know why and when they will return. You may be expected to provide medical evidence. Medical and dental appointments should be booked outside of school hours wherever possible. Holidays will not be agreed in term time and fixed penalty fines will be issued.

Absence from school impacts negatively on academic achievement and future success. You can see how much learning is lost in the table below.

0 - 2 days off	0 – 10 Lessons missed	99 - 100%	Excellent attendance – student is accessing all learning opportunities
3 - 6 days off	15 – 30 Lessons missed	97 - 98%	Good attendance Some learning opportunities missed
7 - 10 days off	35 – 50 Lessons missed	95 - 96%	Concerning attendance Risk of underachievement
11 - 18 days off	55 – 90 Lessons missed	91 - 94 %	Very concerning attendance Severe risk of underachievement
19 or more days off	95 or more Lessons missed	90% or less	PERISTENTLY ABSENT Extreme risk of underachievement

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor App so that you can track your child's attendance and punctuality. **#2daysorless #everydaycounts**

Arbor Parent Portal/Arbor App

Almost 70% of families have now signed up. We are using the online platform, Arbor Education to communicate with you more efficiently and allow you key access to your son/daughter's Academy information including attendance, behaviour, timetable, and homework. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'Forgot your password?' to finish setting up your account using your email account.

Return after half term

We return from holiday on **Monday 6 November at 8.35am (WEEK A)**. All students must attend in **full school uniform including blazer, tie, and school shoes**. Coats and hoodies should not be worn in the school building. Students who do not comply with this expectation will face further consequences. Please help your child's smooth return to school by ensuring the basics are correct. We also expect **every child to have a school bag** large enough to fit an A4 sized book and a pencil case with key equipment including a x2 black pens, red pen, pencil, and ruler.

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Key dates for this term

	Dates	Student return
October Half Term	Monday 30 October 2023 – 3 November 2023	
Half Term 2	Monday 6 November – Thursday 21 December 2023	Students return to school at 8.35am on Monday 6 November
Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 December – Friday 5 January 2024	
Half Term 3	Monday 8 January – Friday 10 February 2024	Students return to school at 8.35am on Monday 8 January
February Half Term	Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2024	

Breakfast, break, and lunch

We run a free breakfast each day between 8am and 8.25am. Please take advantage of this and join us from 8am. We also serve food at breaktime each day and this is available for a small charge. Our students must have money on their account to buy breaktime snacks. At lunchtime, all students can buy a hot or cold lunch. If your child is not registered for a free school meal, they will need money in their electronic account. Over half term, please check your child's account and make sure that they have money on their account for after half term.

Francis Food Bank

Our school-based food bank is now open. If you have any questions about donations, or how to access the foodbank, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can also contact our Chaplain, Miles Rimmer-Tagoe by phone or email on rimmert@asfa.allsaintsmat.org.

Free School Meal vouchers

Just a reminder that if your child received free school meals, Liverpool City Council have again provided vouchers to cover the half term period. You can collect this from the school office every day this week between 9am and 2pm.

I wish you a very peaceful and restful half term. We look forward to seeing all our students back in school safe, well-rested, in full school uniform, and ready to learn on Monday 6 November (Week A) at 8.35am.

God Bless



Ms Jo Leech
Headteacher

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