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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parent / Carers,

As we approach the end of 2025, the Attendance Team would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support in promoting your child's attendance and punctuality at Joseph Leckie Academy. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all students who have achieved 100% attendance and punctuality over the last two terms. As of 18th December, 258 students still have 100% attendance this term, and our overall attendance has improved compared to the same date last year. This remarkable accomplishment is commendable, and we hope to see this positive trend continue into the New Year.

Many of our students with attendance rates between 95% and 100% have enjoyed participating in various activities this week, including Christmas Breakfasts, bowling trips, a celebratory evening disco, Golden Hour, and today, there will be a prize draw today for outstanding attendance over Autumn 1 and Autumn 2, with winners to be announced this afternoon. Prizes consist of £50.00, £30.00 and £20.00 Amazon vouchers. One lucky student will win a laptop today too!

Additionally, we would like to acknowledge those students who have attained 95% or higher in their attendance this term. As highlighted in our previous letter (Autumn Term 1 2025), recent data indicates that pupils with an attendance rate of 95-100% are significantly more likely to achieve Grade 5 in both English and Maths GCSE compared to their peers with lower attendance rates. Furthermore, students who attended nearly every day were 1.9 times more likely to attain a Grade 5 than those attending 90-85% of the time, which equates to approximately two weeks more time spent in school throughout the year. The likelihood of achieving this crucial grade diminishes sharply for pupils who are persistently absent, with those attending only 85-90% of the time being three times less likely to achieve the same outcomes. By ensuring your child maintains excellent attendance and punctuality, you are supporting their academic progress, increasing their chances of success, and allowing them to reach their full potential to secure the best possible outcomes for their future.

### **Punctuality to School**

We would also like to remind parents and carers of the importance of punctuality. When a student arrives to school after the morning register has closed (9.00am), they are marked with a 'U' code on the attendance register. This code indicates that, while the student is present, their lateness is recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session. The learning time missed at the start of the day has a significant impact on progress and disrupts the beginning of lessons. Frequent 'U' codes can adversely affect a child's overall attendance percentage and may lead to attendance interventions or penalty notices if the pattern continues. We understand that weather conditions can be unpredictable; however, we encourage parents to ensure their child arrives at school on time every day, even on rainy days when traffic may be heavier. In the New Year, we'll provide guidance to help you make the most of Arbor Parent for tracking and monitoring your child's attendance and punctuality. By using these tools, you'll not only stay informed but also work with us to manage attendance effectively, supporting your child's progress and their educational outcomes.



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We kindly ask all parents and carers to continue working closely with us to ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering excellent attendance and punctuality at Joseph Leckie Academy.

We wish you all a restful and peaceful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs O'Sullivan



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