



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



# Families Bulletin

Monday 08 September 2025 - Friday 12 September 2025

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families

Welcome back to our autumn term.

Please find my letter to families attached [here](#).

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jo Meloni  
**Headteacher**

**Week: B**

**Timetable: 4 + 1**

# Notice board

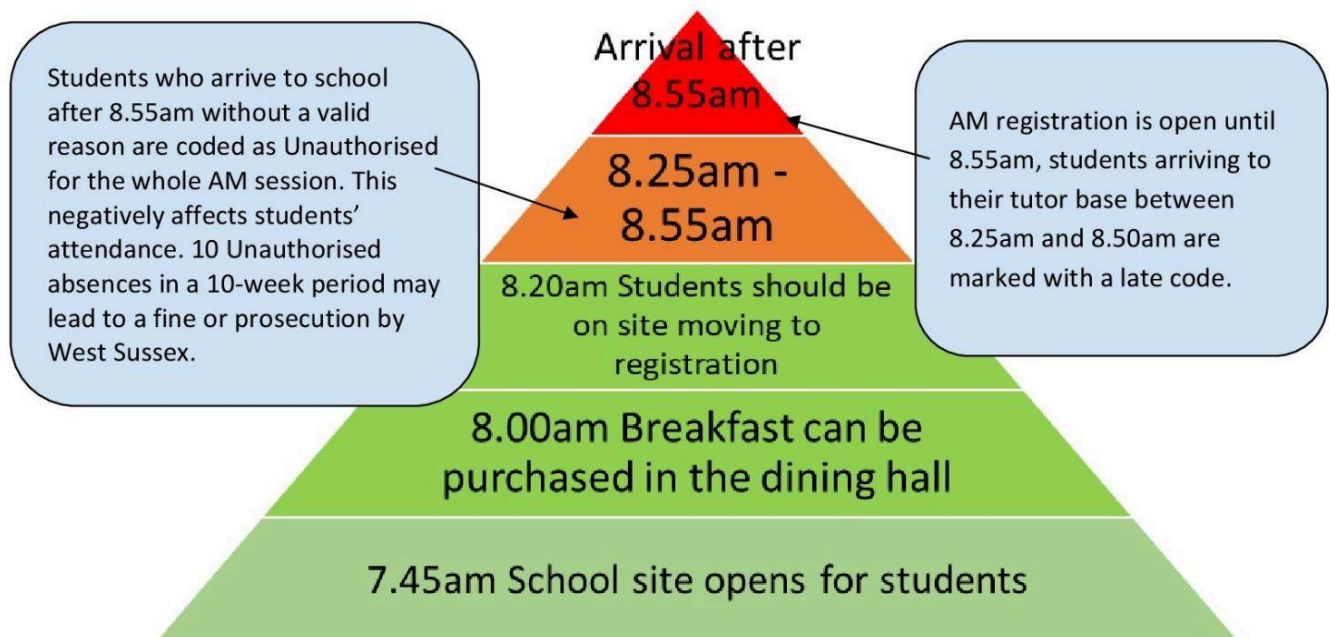
## Punctuality at Sackville -

### The Power of Punctuality: Every Minute Counts

This academic year we are having a real focus on punctuality, both to school and to individual lessons. As we look ahead to another successful academic year, we want to focus on a habit that is fundamental to learning and personal development: the idea that every minute truly counts.

You will be aware of the concept of 'marginal gains'—a philosophy made famous in professional sports, where small, consistent improvements in every area lead to a significant overall advantage. The same principle applies directly to our students' education. A few minutes of lateness might seem insignificant on a single day, but these small instances add up, creating a gap in learning that can become a real disadvantage over the course of a term or a school year.

When a student arrives late, they do not just miss the start of the lesson; they miss the crucial settling-in period which sets the tone for the lesson, key instructions, and retrieval practice of prior learning. This can cause them to feel unsettled for the rest of the lesson and can disrupt the learning of their peers. More importantly, arriving on time instills a sense of respect for others, which are invaluable life skills that will benefit them far beyond their time at school.



We will be rewarding students who are punctual and continually exhibit this pro-social behaviour. However, students who are late more than three times in a day will be allocated a 20-minute community lunchtime detention. We have made slight adjustments to the timings of our school day, creating five-minute change overtimes ensuring students have enough time to arrive at their next lesson punctually.

We understand that occasional delays are unavoidable, but we ask for your partnership in reinforcing the habit of punctuality. By ensuring your child leaves home with enough time to arrive at school before the bell and at each lesson on time, you are helping them build the foundations for academic success and a future of personal responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a learning environment where every student has the best possible chance to succeed, 'Together We Achieve'.

## Sackville Uniform 2025/26 - Welcome back to the new academic year!

It was great to welcome students back into school today, they arrived with such enthusiasm, purpose and looking splendid in their Sackville uniform.

Just a reminder that at the start of the Autumn term we have returned to our regular uniform and our expectations will be that students wear school branded jumpers and ties.

As previously shared we have reviewed our uniform for this academic year and I would like to remind you of some of the changes we have put in place. Firstly, we have added an optional navy tracksuit to our PE uniform in direct response to the request from students enabling them to stay warm when exercising outside over the winter months. This can be brought directly from Taylor Made Uniforms, our uniform supplier, or alternatively from other sport clothing providers. The tracksuit will replace the branded PE hoodie, which we will be phasing out.

Secondly, **white socks** will no longer be part of our uniform, avoiding any confusion relating to how these can be worn. Students should wear navy or black socks only. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that students arrive at school wearing the correct uniform and maintaining our high uniform expectations.

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful academic year.

Paul Street  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Safeguarding

As always, if you are aware or have any worries regarding the safety of our students then contact our safeguarding team. Contact ...details below:

### **Safeguarding Leads:**

Mr Millican - [amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:amillican@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Street - [pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pstreet@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Steer - [asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:asteer@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

### **Safeguarding Team:**

Mr Endersby - [jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:jendersby@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Hunt - [shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:shunt@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mrs Valentine - [hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hvalentine@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Cowlin - [pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:pcowlin@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

Mr Vallally-Godfrey - [avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:avallallygodfrey@sackvilleschool.org.uk)

## Futures - Find It Out Thursday

This is a chance for students to explore different professions and learn from those that are in that industry and can give a first hand experience. Different industries are highlighted each week and students have the opportunity to attend one talk per half term. Students have to sign up for the talk they wish to attend using the google form distributed to students. Come along and start to investigate career paths open to you and discover the skills that you will be required to develop to join that industry.

If you are interested in any of these talks please use this [link](#) to sign up

If you would like to be part of our Find it out Thursday program please contact Helen Smith on [hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:hsmith@sackvilleschool.org.uk).

## Medication, Illness and Vaccines

### Medication

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact us. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their community team.

We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.

### Illness

In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant community office, thank you in advance.

## Lost Property



Please could you ensure that all items of school uniform, PE kits and pencil cases are labelled. This will make reuniting property a lot faster, easier and more successful.

We have a google document that is updated regularly with any garments that find their way to the lost property, if you believe an item is something you are looking for, please contact Mrs Adams ([aadams@sackvilleschool.org.uk](mailto:aadams@sackvilleschool.org.uk)).

**Lost Property Itinerary** [here](#) - as of Friday 08 September 2025.

We advise that if students ever lose any uniform or property then they should visit their community office after they have checked with Mrs Adams if their property has been handed in.

\*\* Please can we ask that if you have any unwanted school uniform - can this be donated back to school for the second hand uniform shop, especially ties and girls blouses and Year 10 and Year 11 uniform - Also PE kits. Many thanks \*\*