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Dear Parent/Guardian

New Detention System Trial

In our constant drive to improve, we have conducted a review of our detention system at Maiden Erlegh School. Currently we feel this is over complicated and wish to ensure consistency for all students. Therefore, after May Half Term we are going to complete a trial, with a centralised detention system.

As a result, detentions will be split into two categories: late to school detentions and behaviour detentions.

Late to School Detentions:

These will take place, in accordance with our current policy. If a student is late to school 3 times, then they will be set a detention. This will now take place in the morning, starting at 8am in G9. This will be supervised by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, who will seek to understand whether there are any underlying issues regarding their lateness to school. If they fail to attend this detention, they will then move into the main Behaviour Detention System outlined below.

Behaviour Detentions:

Teachers will still have the ability to set a same day appointment/detention with students for 15 minutes only. There are many reasons why a teacher would like to spend a little extra time with a student, to offer them support or guidance on their work or to have a restorative discussion with them regarding something that has occurred in the classroom. It is therefore very important that this continues.

For all detentions which are more than 15 minutes, we have always provided you and the student with 24 hours' notice, and we will continue to do that. However, this detention will now be served with a member of the School Leadership Team in H9/H10 classrooms, in a centralised detention system. The detention will be set by teaching staff and communicated as normal to the student and to you via the 'My Child at School App'.

If a student does not attend the detention, they will be given 1 more opportunity to attend, before they are placed in an Alternative Learning Provision for 1 day. This means they will be out of lessons, with an extended day (until 4pm) and completing work set by their teachers. There are clear expectations for this detention, which includes the following:

- Students will attend on time, sit where placed and will remain in silence for the duration of the detention, unless they require the support of the teacher.
- They will complete revision, homework, reading or reflection work. They should bring work with them to complete.
- If they are unable to comply with this, then they will be given 1 verbal warning and then asked to leave and the detention automatically escalated, either giving them one

more chance to complete the detention, or if this is the 2nd attempt then they will be placed in the Alternative Learning Provision for the next school day.

- Please be reassured that we do make reasonable adjustments, as always, for students with Special Educational Needs.

The aim of this trial is to provide more time for teaching staff to support students after school. They will have more time to plan lessons and mark work providing valuable feedback to students and enabling them to progress further. It also ensures that we can continue to offer a wide range of after school activities and support sessions.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year. This is a trial; we will review the impact of this and then decide whether to continue with this in the next academic year.

Yours sincerely



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