

Our Ref: RWK/JR

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Dear Parent/Carers

In line with the introduction of the new positive behaviour strategy which involves the launch of Class Charts across the school, parents and students, it has been necessary to make some changes to the whole school detention system. This is not only to encourage good behaviour in school, which in turn creates a positive learning environment for Ecclesfield students, but it also important in delivering a clear message to our students that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Detentions will be issued for the accruing C3 behaviour points for incidents such as being late to school or lessons including form time, inappropriate language, disrupting teaching and learning, littering as well as anti-social behaviour.

Detentions are held every night and will last 30 minutes and will take place the day after they are issued. Please note that School's are not required to inform parents of detention, but we have made this change to ensure parents are aware of the detentions and support their child to get home safely after the detention ends. It also ensures that students are fully informed that they have a detention that evening.

If a student fails to attend their 30-minute detention, they will be escalated to a 60-minute detention the following day. Failure to attend a 60-minute detention will result in a full day in isolation until 4pm. There are no exemptions from the after-school detention system – in accordance with page 22 of the DfE Behaviour in Schools Guidance "Parental consent is not required for detentions that satisfy the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 65-66."

If your child has a medical appointment, it is your responsibility to inform the school by calling reception in order to reschedule the detention. It will not be possible for students to rearrange detentions themselves.

Detention Scenario	Response
You have been notified that your child has a 30-minute detention the following day but you have already booked a dentist/medical appointment.	You must call the school for this detention to be rescheduled. If we do not receive any communication, the detention will be recorded as a "missed detention" and will be escalated.
Your child is absent on the day the detention has been arranged.	The detention will be automatically rescheduled for the following day.
Your child is in Y11 and has a scheduled P6 revision session for that evening.	Your child should go to their detention and inform the member of SLT leading the detention of their P6. They will be escorted to their revision session.
Your child fails to attend/disrupts the 30-minute detention.	Your child will be placed into a 60-minute detention for the following day.
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We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes inconvenience parents/carers., however, they are an integral part of our behaviour system and as such we urge parents/carers to support the school in maintaining the highest of standards in behaviour and allow all students to learn without disruption.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents/carers that the timings of our isolation room will be extended for all students until 4pm. Therefore, a behaviour deemed to be sanctioned by isolation will mean your child being isolated until 4pm.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Walkden
Headteacher

