

### **Detention Guidance**

Ecclesfield School's Behaviour Policy clearly establishes the expectation about Student behaviour and the rewards and sanctions that are used to maintain a safe, orderly purposeful learning environment.

Detentions are used as appropriate and the policy is based on current law that is published in the government document." Behaviour and Discipline in schools'. This document is available on the Department for Education website.

### **The legislation states**

- Teachers have a power to issue detention to students and parental consent is not required for detentions.
- Legally staff are not required to give parents notice of a detention as the school's Behaviour Policy clearly indicate that detentions are used as a sanction.

The times outside normal school hours when detention can be given include

- Any school day where the student does not have permission to be absent.
- Weekend – except the weekend preceding or following the half term break.
- Non-teaching days – usually referred to as 'training days' 'Inset days' or 'Non-contact days'.

### **School Procedures**

Detentions can be given by all members of staff. In response to breaches of the Schools Behaviour Policy. They can be held at the following times:

- Break
- Lunch detention – (Consequence 2)
- After school – (Consequence 3)
- Inset days
- Saturdays

### **Break and lunchtime detentions**

It is the Student's responsibility to inform parents and there is no legal obligation for staff to ensure this happens. Staff may choose to contact parents as part of the disciplinary process to support behaviour for learning.

### **Detentions out of school hours**

Parent consent is not required for a detention to take place. If the detention is to take place on the same day, the parent will be contacted by phone or text message. There is no requirement for 24 hours' notice. Appointments and commitments should be scheduled after 4pm. Detentions will not be cancelled if the detention conflicts with a prior arranged appointment or after school commitment.

### **Contact details**

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to make sure accurate contact details (telephone number/email) are shared with school so we can keep you informed.