



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to notify you of changes to the way detentions are organised that will come into effect after we return to school after the Christmas holidays.

The first change is that after school detentions will now be held on every night of the week instead of Tuesdays and Thursdays. Detention slots now be 30 minutes. Students and parents will be given 24 hours' notice of a detention. As parents you will continue to receive an e-mail notifying you when your child receives a detention. We have made these changes to simplify our system and reduce the gap between the behaviour that has led to the detention and the sanction. In the event of your child receiving an after-school detention you will need to make alternative arrangements, if necessary, for your child to get home safely.

The second change is that for low level classroom disruption, students will now be sanctioned with break time or lunchtime detentions. These will be supervised by the classroom teacher with whom the behaviour occurred. The break time detention will be no longer than 10 minutes ensuring that your child has a further 10 minutes to use the toilet or visit the canteen. Lunchtime detentions will be no longer than 15 minutes ensuring that students still have time to get something to eat and use the toilet. A reduction in low level classroom disruption will lead to calmer classrooms and an environment where learning flourishes.

Students that refuse to attend detentions or continually forget to attend will be dealt with in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

I would like to wish you a merry Christmas and look forward to working together to further improve the learning environment for all our students.

Yours sincerely

A. Day
Associate Deputy Headteacher

