



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our school works tirelessly to set and maintain high standards in all areas, including behaviour, and we are proud of the positive climate for learning that exists across all year groups. Our expectations are set out clearly on entry to the school and through the home-school agreement. Our full school Behaviour and Rewards policy is available to view online.

The vast majority of students display consistently excellent standards of behaviour. However, when behaviour falls below the standard we expect our policy is to issue the students with an appropriate sanction. This may be in the form of a stage four 30 minute or a stage five 1 hour detention.

Although not required to do so, when a detention is issued, the school will always try to give a minimum of 24 hours' notice through a telephone call from the Student Office. Students will be provided with a reminder slip about the detention but will be expected to make their own way there. The school will not waive a detention if a parent is unwilling to support the school decision to impose this sanction.

The most recent DfE statutory guidance on discipline in schools makes explicit reference to those sanctions all schools have the legal power to implement including:

- Teachers have power to discipline pupils for misbehaviour that occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school.
- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction.
- Teachers have power to impose detention outside school hours.
- Parental consent is not required for detentions.

From **Monday 4 June 2018**, a new format for detentions will be introduced. Centralised school detentions will be held on Fridays from **3.00pm** for up to **one hour**. These will replace Faculty and Head of Year detentions.

If a student is absent on the day of the detention, or if a parent / carer contacts school to request an alternative date for a valid reason, the student will be placed into the next scheduled detention. Should a student fail or refuse to attend any scheduled detention then an escalated sanction such as internal exclusion, hosting at another school or fixed term exclusion will be implemented. If a number of detentions are received in one week then an escalated sanction will be applied.

As has already been highlighted the vast majority of our students behave impeccably and are an absolute credit to our school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in our efforts to establish and maintain a culture and climate that fully supports the learning and progress of all students.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Anderson
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