



St Benedict's Catholic High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Behaviour for Learning – Detention System

We are blessed to have such wonderful students who attend our school on time and behave impeccably throughout the day. This group are the overwhelming majority. They are conscientious, hardworking and respond exceptionally well to the high expectations of the school. As we begin a new academic year, we are committed to addressing persistent poor behaviour by a minority so that all students can learn in a safe, respectful and positive environment.

Alongside some behaviour issues we have the problem of lateness. We are fully aware of the difficulties presented by public transport, traffic and designated school buses before school. We live in a beautiful part of the country but it can come with its challenges whilst travelling, especially first thing in the morning. For some students they choose to take the last possible option to get to school whilst running the risk of being late. We actively encourage students to leave home earlier to avoid the problems that are caused by traffic congestion and service times. We would welcome your support in ensuring they take responsibility to be ready for school on time. We are so grateful to parents who bring their child to school on time whilst juggling their own day and journeys to work.

As you are aware the school has adopted line ups before school and **every child needs to be in their tutor line at 8.30am so they are ready for school starting at 8.35am**. This new policy is working very well. Students arriving after this time are officially late for school.

So what is new about the Detention System this year?

Students have been made aware through assemblies and tutor time how our new detention system works.

The school has set up a system of collective detentions to be run after school every day for 30 minutes. Our standards and expectations are very high and we seek to ensure every student understands the following:



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- If a student is late to school or class without a legitimate reason they will receive, automatically, a detention the following day for 30 minutes.
- If a student is “out of lesson” with no legitimate reason they will receive, automatically, a detention for the following day for 30 minutes.
- If a student has behaved in a manner resulting in a subject leader referral or an on-call, they will receive, automatically, a detention the following day for 30 minutes.
- If a student has broken the school mobile phone policy, they will receive, automatically, a detention the following day for 30 minutes. (further steps are taken for persistency breaching this policy)
- If a student fails to attend the 30 minute after school detention they will receive an hour’s detention on a Friday
- In the first week those students who fail to attend a detention will be spoken to period one the next day to reinforce expectations and zero tolerance of non-compliance.
- Parents/carers will receive notification that their child will receive the detention via Edulink/text/email.

St Benedict’s Catholic High School Behaviour Policy is rooted in the school’s Mission Statement which makes explicit the Catholic Christian values on which the school is based including the sacred worth of each individual in the school community.

A high standard of behaviour is expected at all times.

Thank for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



JP Morrison
Headteacher

