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Dear Parent / Carer

New Detention Procedures for September 2019 onwards

From September 2019 the school is changing the way detentions at Bridgewater will be issued to students whose behaviour falls short of our expected standards. Whole school detention currently takes place each Thursday and parents/carers are notified the previous week of the time, venue and reason for the detention. This process is often lengthy and does not address any gaps in learning a student may have as a result of poor choices in the classroom or an incomplete homework.

To address this problem the school is taking advantage of the changes to the school day and moving to a daily detention for poor conduct and weekly compulsory intervention to address gaps in learning.

Daily Conduct Detention

Every day students whose conduct has been below the expected standard will receive a 20 minute detention (3pm – 3.20pm). Parents will be notified by email. This detention will deal with all low level disruption, for example, issues with mobile phone, poor punctuality and insolence.

Weekly Compulsory Intervention

Compulsory Intervention will run from 3pm - 3.45pm on Monday and Wednesday. This will focus on gaps in knowledge and will be issued and overseen by subject teachers and leaders. Students will be expected to complete the work they have missed. Typically this might be failure to complete homework or poor engagement in lesson, which has led to incomplete work. In this instance parents will also be notified by email.

As the new system is in line with our attempts to make more of our home-school communication paperless could I ask that should your email address change that you notify the school as soon as possible? If for whatever reason we do not have an email address for you then you will be contacted by phone or by letter as appropriate.

The students will be given an assembly during the first week back to explain the new detention procedures and the new school day in greater detail. An implication of which will be that students will need to be in class at 8.45 ready to learn. This means that students will now be **marked late after 8.40 on the school gate**. We would appreciate it if you could reinforce this to the students at home so we have a smooth start to lessons and the year. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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