



26th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Reminder of the School's Expectations and Behaviour Policy – Detentions

As a school, we take every opportunity to celebrate success, as we believe that this is the main driver in developing positive characteristics within our young learners. However, we must retain our high expectations of the students we teach.

Unfortunately, I feel there is a need to communicate and reiterate the school's behaviour policy regarding detentions. It is the school's ethos that students must learn that some actions have consequences. We believe that morally, young people need to be prepared for life after Royds Hall, where sanctions can and may be imposed in many situations — Post 16, Further Education, and of course, in the place of work. Fundamentally, the sanctions we issue are there to help educate and prepare our students for life after school. Our behaviour policy is clear and consistently applied by staff and students are reminded of our policy throughout the year. We have a range of sanctions that we issue and detentions are issued for serious breaches to the behaviour policy.

There has been an increase in the number of students refusing to complete school detentions. This is resulting in escalated sanctions being issued. We operate a same day detention system, where parents are notified via ClassCharts, and students are notified via the teacher issuing the detention, we also provide reminder slips to help remind students of their detention and also display lists for students to check. We have also responded to parent and student voice and now operate a lunch time detention system, to support students in completing sanctions issued.

During the final half-term of this academic year, students who refuse to complete their detention will be issued with an upscaled detention, as per the school's behaviour policy. Failure to complete this will result in a day in isolation and/or the removal of their social time. For those who continue to refuse, further sanctions will be issued, which will remain on their record. For students applying to College, 6th Form or Apprenticeships, these records are requested by Post 16 providers as part of the application process.



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May I take this opportunity to signpost you to the Home School Agreement (found in your child's planner on page 11-13), which all parents are asked to sign when their child joins the school. This agreement is to support the school that parents have chosen to send their child to.

We will work with all students and families to ensure that the correct support is in place, however, I write to ask for your support in ensuring that if your child is issued with a detention, the detention is completed, therefore preventing further sanctions being issued. All students will be reminded of this in their Welcome Back assembly after half-term.

The school's behvaiour policy can be found on the website - Royds Hall Behaviour Policy

I would like to thank you in advance for you continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

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