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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reintroduction of Lunchtime Detentions

Our behaviour policy is designed to encourage all members of the school community to work together in a supportive way. We aim to promote an environment in which everyone feels happy, safe and secure and to help children to become positive, responsible and increasingly independent members of the school community.

The school has a number of rules, but our behaviour policy is not primarily concerned with rule enforcement. It is designed to encourage good behaviour, rather than merely punish poor behaviour. The vast majority of our children behave wonderfully, and develop good relationships with everyone in our school community. Sadly, a very small number of children do not consistently follow the school rules, and can cause upset or prevent other children from learning. For these children we have decided to bring back a weekly lunchtime detention. The detentions will be for Year 2 to Year 6 children and will begin next week.

- Detentions will be on Fridays, during lunchtime, with a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).
- Detentions will normally be given in blocks of 15 minutes, depending on the severity of the behaviour.
- Year 2 children will receive a maximum of 30 minutes detention, Year 3 to Year 6 children could receive up to 60 minutes detention.
- A letter will be sent home to parents telling them about the detention and the reason/s it has been given (beforehand, where possible).
- If a child is in detention for the whole of lunchtime, they will be escorted to the dinner hall by a member of staff or their lunch will be brought to them.
- On rare occasions, or for serious incidents, a member of the SLT may keep a child in on a different day, so that the sanction is immediate, rather than waiting until the detention day.
- If a child has 2 detentions within a half term, parents will be invited to meet with the class teacher and a member of the SLT to discuss their child's behaviour.

We want to work closely with parents and carers, so that children receive consistent messages about how to behave at home and at school. We expect parents and carers to support their child's learning, and to co-operate with the school. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support,

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher

