



Dear Parent/Carer,

26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Detentions

This academic year it has been necessary to make some changes to our detention system. This is not only in order to encourage good behaviour in school, which in turn creates a positive learning environment for the students at Manor CE Academy, but is also important in delivering a clear message to our students that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Detentions will be issued for the accumulation of codes; for poor punctuality; or for single behaviour incidences. Detentions are initially held for 30 minutes at lunchtime. Should a student fail to attend one of these detentions, arrive late, or behave inappropriately whilst in detention, they will be automatically entered for an after-school detention which will last for 1 hour. Failure to attend the afterschool detention will result in the student spending a day in IE until up to 4.20pm. This is our most serious sanction before exclusion.

There will be no exemptions from the after-school detention system. If your child has a medical appointment, parents/carers must inform the school and rearrange the detention. It will not be possible for a student to rearrange it themselves. If your child is absent on the day of a scheduled detention, it will be rearranged to the next detention session automatically.

In line with the Department for Education, schools have no legal obligation to inform parents/carers that their child is being kept back after school for a detention. Nor do schools need the consent of a parent/carers in order to issue and detain a student for an after-school detention. As an academy, we have however made the decision to continue to notify parents that their child has been entered for a detention **by writing this in the student planner.**

We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience to parents/carers, however they are an integral part of the behaviour system, and as such we urge parents/carers to encourage their children to adhere to the rules and expectations of the academy, so that ultimately they are not issued with a detention. For further information on the guidance surrounding detentions, please visit the links below for the Department of Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions/discipline>

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/488034/Behaviour\\_and\\_Discipline\\_in\\_Schools - A guide for headteachers and School Staff.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488034/Behaviour_and_Discipline_in_Schools_-_A_guide_for_headteachers_and_School_Staff.pdf)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

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