



**ST CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE**
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to offer our sincere apologies for the confusion and any upset caused in our previous letter regarding Saturday morning detentions. We appreciate the feedback that you have sent us and would like to respond to your requests for further clarification.

Reason for Saturday Morning Detentions:

Very occasionally a tiny minority of our students breach our behaviour policy, which leads to suspension or Reflection. Some parents have requested that in these situations we offer an alternative to their child missing lessons. Therefore, we wanted to consult with all parents and carers to see if we should offer the option for their child to attend a Saturday morning detention, rather than miss a full day of lessons.

Voluntary Attendance and Parental Agreement:

Saturday morning detentions would never be compulsory, and we would discuss the option of a Saturday detention with parents and carers in advance. We always want to work in partnership with you to serve our community.

An example of where this option would be offered would be when a student was found vaping in school. Parents and carers may prefer their child to attend a 2-hour Saturday morning session as their sanction, rather than spending a day at home suspended whilst parents may be at work.

Our school is a happy and safe environment, and these Saturday morning detentions would only ever be used for very few of our students who would otherwise have been suspended or placed in Reflection. We are always looking for ways to improve what we do to support our families.

We are aware that some parents had issues completing the form and we are very sorry for any inconvenience caused by this. Now that you are in possession of the full context, we would be very grateful if you would spare us a little more of your time to [complete this updated form](#). Your views are very important to us, and we would like to assure you that we will always act upon your feedback.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's education at St Catherine's College, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As ever, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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