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Dear Parents and Carers

Saturday Morning Detentions

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the form regarding Saturday morning detentions. We really appreciate your feedback and we have used your views to shape the way forward.

In our previous letter we outlined that Saturday morning detentions would only be used very occasionally and would be offered as a replacement to a suspension or Reflection. An example of where this option might be offered would be when a student was found vaping in school. Parents/Carers might prefer their child to attend a two-hour Saturday morning session as their sanction, rather than spending a day at home. Saturday morning detentions would never be compulsory, and we would always seek agreement with parents and carers in advance.

As expected, opinions on this matter were divided with 39% of parents expressing a concern about the implementation of this optional sanction. One of the key concerns, that we share, is the potential impact on important family time. However, a number of parents did also highlight that these detentions may help us to maintain excellent behaviour in all areas of school life.

As a result, we have decided not to make a change to our behaviour policy at this point, but to explore implementing this as a pilot scheme for a trial period. We would then seek feedback again from the families involved, so that we can gauge whether this might be something that we introduce longer term.

Thank you once again for sharing your views on this matter; they really do help us to improve what we do.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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