

KH/TM/PPH/LateDetentions

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Late Detentions



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I am writing to inform you that, as part of our continued commitment to high standards of behaviour, punctuality and learning, we will be introducing a new late detention system from Tuesday 16th June.

The purpose of this system is to improve punctuality, strengthen transition routines and support pupils in developing self-regulation and responsibility for arriving on time and ready to learn. By ensuring pupils arrive promptly to school and lessons, we can maximise learning time and create a calm and purposeful environment for all.

From Tuesday 16th June, any pupil who arrives late to school or late to a lesson will be issued with a 20-minute detention, which they will be expected to attend at the end of the school day.

Pupils will have four minutes to transition between lessons. These transition times have been carefully planned to ensure pupils have sufficient time to move between lessons and arrive ready to learn. Staff have been given clear dismissal times and agreed points at which a pupil will be marked as late. These expectations will also be shared with pupils during an assembly.

If a pupil has a valid reason for being late, they will be issued with a late slip by a member of Leadership or a Head of House during transition. If your child normally travels home by school bus and receives a same-day late detention, alternative travel arrangements will need to be made as they will not be able to use the school bus service that day.

Key Information

- Pupils are expected to arrive at school and lessons on time and ready to learn.
- Pupils who arrive late to school or a lesson will be issued with a same-day 20-minute detention.
- Parents/carers will be notified via ClassCharts when a detention is issued.
- Pupils who fail to attend a detention will receive a more serious consequence the following school day.
- Repeated lateness will be monitored and may result in additional pastoral intervention.
- Please ensure that you have the ClassCharts app set up, as this will be our primary method of communication regarding Late to School and Late to Lesson detentions. If you require any support accessing or setting up the app, please contact your child's House Office.



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What happens if my child already has a 20-minute detention?

If your child receives a Late to School or Late to Lesson detention on the same day as an existing 20-minute Class Detention, both detentions will be served consecutively. This means your child will remain after school for a total of 40 minutes.

What happens if my child already has a 40-minute detention?

If your child receives a Late to School or Late to Lesson detention on the same day as an existing 40-minute Class Detention, an additional 20 minutes will be added. This means your child will remain after school for a total of 60 minutes.

What happens if my child already has a 60-minute detention?

If your child receives a Late to School or Late to Lesson detention on the same day as an existing Head of House or Director of Learning detention, they will complete their existing detention as planned and the 20-minute late detention will be moved to the following school day.

How will I be informed about any additional detention time?

Where additional time is added to an existing detention, we will endeavour to contact parents/carers by telephone. Parents/carers will also receive a notification via ClassCharts confirming the detention arrangements as per our behaviour policy which states "Parents/Carers will be notified by an app notification if the detention set will be longer than a 20 minute period."

Why is the school introducing this system?

This system is designed to support pupils in developing positive habits, self-regulation and personal responsibility. Arriving on time to school and lessons ensures pupils are ready to learn, reduces disruption to others and protects valuable learning time for all.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high expectations and ensuring that all pupils make the most of their time in school.

Yours sincerely,



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