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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you regarding detentions and how we run them at school.

Every school has rules and expectations which are necessary to ensure students have the correct equipment, kit, arrive at lessons on time and dress according to the school dress code. We believe our rules work towards giving the students good habits for life- being punctual, looking smart and being correctly equipped for work amongst others. As a result of these expectations the students arrive on time more than previously, have the correct equipment and look so much smarter.

We have been clear on our rules since I have started as Headteacher, that any student not meeting these expectations can expect a short sanction (15 minutes at lunchtime) as a reminder to have all their Tools for Learning, to pack their MECE PE kit, wear the correct clothing etc. Overall, I am delighted that the vast majority of students who receive a sanction (well over 90%) respect this system and attend this sanction. In fact, the vast majority of students do not ever get a sanction!! However, a few students do choose to not attend this sanction which is frustrating.

Since February we have been running a Thursday after school detention for students who have missed detentions. This is timed so students can get the 25-bus home after the detention just after 4pm or students can be picked up from school after the detention if parents choose to do so. We communicate this to parents in writing on a Wednesday afternoon.

Our practice is in line with our current and published behaviour policy (<https://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=960&type=pdf> – page 13 covers detentions) which all parents would have been aware of when joining the school. Therefore, if students are given an after-school sanction for missing a detention, poor conduct or not completing homework please can I ask for your support or a clear communication of an alternative date as this is an expectation of being a part of the Maiden Erleigh Chiltern Edge learning community. As a learning community it is really important we all work together so that students can develop their self-responsibility and gain those all important positive life habits.

Yours sincerely

Andy Hartley
Headteacher