



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Changes to our Behaviour Policy (Detentions)

I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful summer break, and like us, are refreshed and ready for the new term which begins when our new Year 7 join us tomorrow!

We are pleased that our high expectations for student behaviour were recognised by Ofsted in January, who stated:

"Leaders have reset the expectations around standards of behaviour. The policy is clear and implemented consistently. Lessons are calm and low-level disruption is rare. If any incidents of unwanted behaviours occur in social times, staff are quick to respond."

This positive feedback reflects the strong progress we have made as a school community.

We remain committed to maintaining these high standards, ensuring that all students can learn in a calm and purposeful environment.

Reflecting on gains made, we are making some changes to the way detentions are organised. Going forward, after-school detentions will continue to take place throughout the week, **with a significant change for non-attendance to these detentions.**

If a pupil misses an after-school detention, this will **no longer result in a full day in the Inclusion Suspension Room (ISR)**. Instead, they will automatically be placed in a **Senior Leadership Detention (SLT) detention on Friday from 3:00pm – 4:25pm.**

To support all students in attending their detentions:

- Pupils and parents can check their **Arbor App** for upcoming detentions.
- Detention lists will be displayed on the **window outside the Alternative Provision Area.**
- Parents will be notified via **email** if their child has a detention.

If your child has a medical appointment or there are extenuating family circumstances, please contact the **pastoral team** so that we can work with you to rearrange the detention if appropriate.

Please note that this communication must come directly from parents rather than students.

The timings of the after detentions still allow pupils time to catch the after-school bus, which leaves at 4.30pm each day. A reminder that pupils still need to book the after-school bus via the Arbor app or at Reception during the day.



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It is very important that students attend their detentions. **Failure to attend a detention set on Monday-Thursday will result in a Friday SLT detention. Failure to attend this SLT detention will result in a suspension from school.**

With the support systems already in place, we are confident that students will meet these expectations successfully.

New Student Hub


Alongside these changes, we are also delighted to announce the opening of our new **Student Hub**, located upstairs in the main building. The Hub provides a supportive and purposeful space for interventions, small group work, and meetings.

It will also serve as a central venue for activities and events, further enriching the experiences of our students.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students into this space and making the most of the opportunities it offers.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and provide the very best environment for all our young people.

Yours sincerely,



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