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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Online Detention System

In my recent correspondence with you, regarding new initiatives in school this year, I mentioned how we were working hard to improve communication with parents and carers. Next week, the **3rd December**, we are launching our **new detention system using Class Charts**.

This system will enable you to be contacted immediately if your child receives a detention, with the reason why it has been issued, date and length of detention. This should help to alleviate any confusion about when and why these take place. The system also has an App for students, parents and teachers, allowing all to be informed and up to date, even on the go!

Restorative Issues

We have been working hard in school to use restorative practice to resolve issues with students and in the first half term alone, we have seen the impact of this with over 200 less detentions being issued, when compared to the previous year.

In place of some detentions, we use a restorative meeting, to explain to the student where an issue went wrong and help them to see how they may do something differently next time. This often takes place at break or lunchtime, but if the meeting needs to take place afterschool, then we will follow the same detention process. When we have set a restorative meeting, you will receive notification, just like you will for a detention, but it will also say restorative meeting. Please support us by reinforcing this message to students. These meetings, like detentions, will not be official and, as with detentions, this school gives 24hours notice to ensure time for families to make alternative arrangements for getting home.

With this new system, we are also placing much more responsibility on the students for attending any detention they may receive. Students will be expected to make their own way, on time, to their detention or restorative meeting. Failure to attend will result in the detention automatically being up scaled and reset for the next possible opportunity. Please support your child, by encouraging them to complete a sanction at the first possible opportunity, rather than allow it to grow in severity.

Login to Class Charts – Access to attendance and rewards

We are now rolling out parents and students log in codes for the Class Charts app where you can see details of your child's attendance/rewards and any detentions. Over this year a move from MILK to Class Charts will also take place for homework to bring all our online tools under one roof.

Your child will be issued with their own unique code to set up their Class Charts account and also one for you as a parent, once the initial account has been set up, you can then download the Class Charts





App from iTunes or Play Store. If you have more than one child in school, then you will only need to set up one account, when you do, you will see an option to add a child, if you set it up in this way, then you will be able to see all siblings on one account. If you require to set up more than one account (parents not living in same address) it is the same access code, but you use a different email to set up the account. Please let your child's tutor know, if you require a second copy of a code.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with setting up your Class Charts accounts, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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