

20 February 2023

### Dear parents/ carers

I am writing to you regarding some changes we are making to support students and parents/ carers next half term. As a school we are focussing on positive working relationships between students and staff. As part of this we are currently reviewing our Behaviour Policy and Rewards System so that students are recognised for their hard work and any issues are dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

#### **Class Charts**

As you are aware we use Class Charts as a tool to support students and parents/ carers. On Class Charts you can find information about your child's attendance and punctuality, timetable, homework, rewards and sanctions. If you currently do not access Class Charts, please email Mrs Rogerson (<a href="mailto:brogerson@thehambleschool.co.uk">brogerson@thehambleschool.co.uk</a>) for your username/ password. From Tuesday 21 February all comments from staff will be visible on Class Charts, this will enable you to see why your child has received a reward/ sanction and discuss this with them.

## **Next Day Detentions**

We have been working on high expectations and improving behaviour this half term. Department for Education guidance states that 'schools should have clear sanctions for those who do not comply with the school's behaviour policy'. Schools have the right to issue detentions outside of normal school hours and parental consent is not required for sanctions.

Feedback from students and parents/ carers has suggested that some students find it hard to manage our current detention system and remember when/ where they need to be. To support this and ensure a swift resolution to any issues we will be starting 'next day after school detentions' from Tuesday 21 February. If a student receives -2 (or more) negative behaviour points in one day, they will be expected to attend an after school detention the next working day for 30 minutes. During this detention students will reflect on their behaviour and have a restorative conversation with the member of staff who has issued the detention.

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Parents/ carers will be notified via an email from Class Charts on the evening the negative points were received. We decided to issue 'next day' (rather than same day) so that suitable travel arrangements can be made by the parent/ carer, if required. It is imperative that students attend the initial detention, so that it is not escalated.

#### Parent/ Carer Involvement

During the Parent Forum parents/ carers asked what they can do to support the school. We would ask that you monitor the following on Class Charts on a daily basis:

- Rewards/ sanctions
- Attendance and punctuality
- Homework set

Please ensure your child brings the following to school every day:

- All required equipment
- Their planner (replacement planners can be purchased on Scopay)

We would also ask that you check the uniform policy and make sure your child is dressed appropriately at the start of the day.

Details of our School Rules can be found on our website - <a href="https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ready-respectful-safe/">https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ready-respectful-safe/</a> Information about uniform and equipment expectations is available here - <a href="https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/">https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/</a>

If you have any questions/ concerns, please email general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Valleley

**Assistant Headteacher** 

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.