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After-School Detentions

Dear Parents and Carers,

With COVID-19 restrictions easing across the country, Corby Business Academy is keen to relaunch its high expectations in relation to positive behaviour for learning.

In line with the introduction of the Positive Behaviour for Learning policy, it has been necessary to make some changes to our detention system. This is not only to encourage good behaviour in the Academy, which in turn creates a positive learning environment for the students, but is also important in delivering a clear message to our students that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will be sanctioned accordingly.

Students will be issued with a next day detention when their inappropriate behaviour causes disruption and distraction to the teaching and learning of the lesson. Students can also receive a sanction for not being Ready, Respectful or Safe in lessons and around the Academy. (*Section 8 – Rewards and Sanctions of the Positive Behaviour Policy*: <https://www.corbybusinessacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=2254&type=pdf>)

Detentions will be held every evening in the Theatre, and will last for 1 hour until 4.00 p.m. Should a student fail to attend one of these detentions, they will be automatically entered into an 'Extended Day' in our internal isolation room for the next day until 4.00 p.m. Refusal to complete the extended day will result in the student spending two days in 'Internal Exclusion'. This is our most serious sanction before a Fixed Term Exclusion is issued.

There will be no exemptions from the after-school detention system. If your child has a medical appointment, parents and carers must inform the school and rearrange the detention. It will not be possible for a student to rearrange this themselves. If your child is absent on the day of a scheduled detention, this will be rearranged to the next detention session automatically.

The Academy will provide transport home for students via the dedicated Session 6 late buses which leave the Academy at 4.10 p.m. every day.

In line with the Department for Education, schools have no legal obligation to inform parents and carers that their child is being kept back after school for a detention. Nor do schools need the consent of a parent and carer to issue and detain a student for an after-school detention. As an academy, we have however made the decision to continue to notify parents and carers that their child has been entered for a detention by sending a text message the day before their detention. In the event a child has been issued a same day detention (perhaps due to absence on the day in which the detention was first issued), we will endeavour to contact parents and carers by telephone.

We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience to parents and carers, however they are an integral part of the behaviour system, and as such we urge parents and carers to encourage their children to adhere to the rules and expectations of the Academy, so that ultimately, they are not issued with a detention.

For further information on the guidance surrounding detentions, please visit the links below for the Department of Education:

www.gov.uk/school-discipline-exclusions/discipline

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488034/Behaviour and Discipline in Schools - A guide for headteachers and School Staff.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/488034/Behaviour_and_Discipline_in_Schools_-_A_guide_for_headteachers_and_School_Staff.pdf)

High expectations and standards of student behaviour underpins our culture at Corby Business Academy. To support the Academy in maintaining these standards I would like to draw your attention to the additional amendments to our Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy.

- Section 7.4 – Uniform
- Section 9.3 – Confiscation
- Section 9.3.1 – Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Should you require any further information regarding the use of after-school detentions as a sanction, please contact me via emailing julian.smith@corbybusinessacademy.org or call 01536 303120.

Yours sincerely



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