



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

25th August 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to update you on changes to our behaviour policies and procedures as a consequence of the COVID related measures that are in place from September.

The school's rewards systems will remain in place and we will continue to operate the rewards shop so that students can spend their house and lockdown points. It will not be possible, at present, to run our termly rewards trips and we will keep this under review as the year progresses.

There will be a number of changes to our sanctions systems to accommodate the changes to the school day. Detentions will still take place at the end of the day, with 30 minute middle leaders detentions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The one hour SLT detention will take place on Friday alongside the middle leaders detention. These detentions will take place in the main hall with measures in place to keep students from different year groups separated. As before we will provide parents with notice of detentions. It is an expectation that students attend a detention and that parents support the school in ensuring that they do so. This will require parents whose children use the new dedicated bus services to make alternative arrangements for their child to get home if they are not able to use the public bus services when their detention is completed. We will, of course, work with parents to re-arrange a detention to another day if this is helpful.

All students are expected to attend school in full smart uniform, details of which can be found on our school website. You will be aware that revised arrangements were put in place by our school uniform provider during school closure. As such, if you have any uniform concerns, please contact the school via enquiries@oldfieldschool.com, for the attention of Mrs Mills. We are aware that there have been some issues with the supply of blazers in particular. If this is the case could you provide your son or daughter with a note for their tutor at the start of term to explain this.

Our behaviour policy is being amended to include reference to not following COVID measures that the school has put in place. Students who ignore these measures will be sanctioned for this and if a persistent issue this could result in a fixed term exclusion from school. I am sure that you will understand the need to have a zero tolerance in this area as the safety of students and staff is paramount.

We have very high expectations for students with regards to behaviour and the very great majority of our students behave impeccably at all times both in lessons and around the school. I am anticipating that this will continue to be the case on their return to school next week.

Yours faithfully

Steven Mackay
Headteacher