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Our Ref: AL/BJB

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to clear up something that has been causing a little confusion in the last few weeks.

In order to challenge and correct certain types of inappropriate behaviour at Cloughwood and to continue to ensure that the learning environment is purposeful, calm and free from disruption and physical and verbal abuse, from time to time teachers must impose detention after school. During lesson times staff do all they can to use other sanctions to correct most behaviours and use detention as a last resort once all other avenues of intervention have been exhausted.

When a member of staff issues a detention, as a courtesy, parents and carers are informed by phone so as not to cause worry when their son fails to arrive home on time. To be even clearer, parental permission is not necessary at this point, what is more important is that the sanction is completed on the day and that the pupil concerned rectifies the problem and is then able to have a fresh start the very next day. I am lucky to have a body of parents and carers that fully support what we are trying to achieve at Cloughwood but I wanted to make clear the issues around the sanction of detention for clarity and peace of mind. I have placed the DfE government guidance on behaviour on the website for you to read which has the guidance on detention from page 10 onwards. The link to this document is:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/393770/Behaviour_and_Discipline_in_Schools_-_A_guide_for_headteachers_and_school_staff_080115.pdf

Let me finish by again thanking all of you who attended our end of year Christmas presentation and raffle last term. It was a lovely morning and I am pleased to remind you that we managed to raise £257.60 from the raffle.

Happy New Year and thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A Larkin
Principal