

Dear Parent/Carers

As you will know we have high standards of behaviour for all our students at Meden School. As part of our growth and development, we have been reviewing our systems surrounding the way in which sanctions are given, focusing on detentions in particular with some changes that will begin in September.

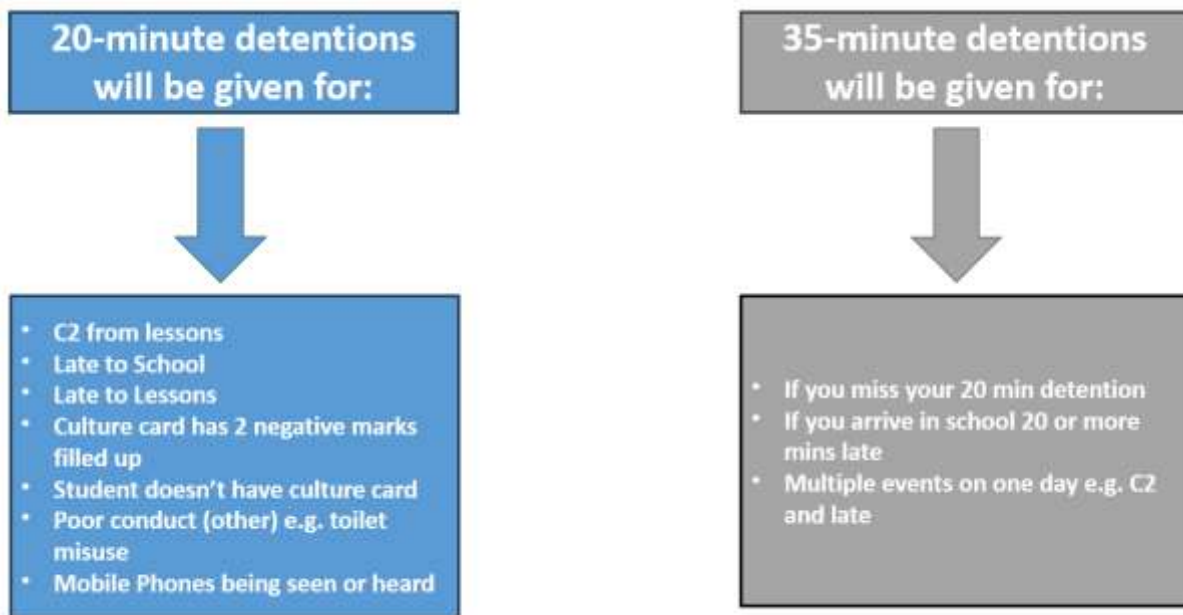
Detentions are a necessary part of our student sanctions. From September we have reduced the length of detentions to support parents.

There will be 2 detentions;

- a 20 minute detention
- a 35 minute detention

### **What would my child receive a detention for?**

For clarification, detentions will be given for the following reasons.



As a school we want to reduce the number of detentions issued, and believe that a sanction is more effective when issued immediately after the event, rather than a few days later.

For this reason, **ALL DETENTIONS will be set to take place ON THE SAME DAY.**

If your child receives a detention for any of the above reasons, you will receive a text immediately informing you that your child will be in detention after school on that day. Furthermore, information as to who set the detention and the reason for the detention will be on MCAS, so please do use this platform to gain all the information you require.

Please note that there will be a cut off time, therefore **any detention logged after 2:35pm will be set for the following day.**

**What if it is not possible for my child to attend that detention?**

We do understand that there may be instances where a detention cannot be attended that day; if your child catches the school bus for instance. If this applies to your child, then please contact school when you receive the text and we will rearrange this for you. **CONTACT** [detentions@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:detentions@medenschool.co.uk)

We do ask that this is only done as a last resort in support of our new system as we believe the instantaneous nature of the new system will be more effective in reducing the number of detentions given.

To further support with the communication of these important changes to the system for September, and to give you an opportunity to ask further questions, we would like to invite you to attend a **Parent Forum on Thursday 18th July 5pm-6pm in the main hall.**

**Here are some FAQ you may find useful****FAQ's****How will I know if my child has a detention?**

You will get a text informing you, as soon as the member of staff logs it.

**How will I know what it is for?**

The text will say what it is for e.g. late, C2 etc. For C2's staff will aim to call you and explain what has happened. All information also goes onto MCAS.

**Can I change a detention?**

Yes, if you contact us we will be happy to arrange a new date. We do ask that this is done only in extreme circumstances, as we want the detention to be completed ASAP.

**How can I change a detention?**

Email [detentions@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:detentions@medenschool.co.uk).

**What do students do in detentions?**

Students go to a computer room and are given the opportunity of doing some homework or online learning.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind regards



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