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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Firstly, I hope you have a good Christmas and Happy New Year. As we look forward to welcoming our students back to school, following the break, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify and remind you of some key school expectations that all students are expected to meet.

At Meden School, we set high standards of behaviour and expectations for all our students. We know this supports a safe and calm school environment, which ensures our learning environments are more productive, purposeful and engaging for our students.

This begins with students being punctual to school. Students should be on site at or before 8:45am. If a student arrives after this time, they will be classed as late. **Students who are late to school will be issued with a 20-minute same day detention**. We do, of course understand buses can be late and there can be exceptional circumstances. Please continue to contact school and the attendance line (01623 823517 option 2), if you are aware of a foreseeable difficulty with attendance and/ or punctuality on any given day.

Attending in full uniform and being fully equipped for learning is vital. As a school, we want students to take responsibility for managing this and we can supply students with equipment and uniform where necessary.

We will continue to communicate via text message to inform parents of when and where behaviour expectations have not been met. Can I urge parents to use the 'My Child at School' app for more details around the behaviour? Please also ensure that we are kept up to date with any changes in contact details to ensure we are contacting the correct person in case of emergencies. If an incident occurs in school, you will receive a text message informing you on the day of the event. A further text is then sent to you the day before the detention is due to be sat, to remind you that your child will be late home from school. If a student fails to attend or refuses to attend a detention, they will be placed in a headteacher's detention on a Friday, until 4pm. If there is any reason your child cannot complete a detention on the expected day, please contact school so this can be rearranged. As a reminder, detentions do not run on a Wednesday and Year 11 detentions only take place on a Thursday and a Friday.

For the majority of our students who continue to produce excellent work and demonstrate a positive attitude to learning, we will continue to recognise their efforts by communicating home to inform parents of these achievements, highlighting when and where they have been issued a 'Golden Ticket' and/or ATL Points. Again, the 'My Child at School' app can detail all of your child's points that have been gained. If you need support setting up your My Child at School account then please get in touch with school (office@medenschool.co.uk).

I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of the standards and expectations we have for all learners at Meden School.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Morton Deputy Headteacher

