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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We appreciate your ongoing support in fostering a positive and productive atmosphere for all our students at Hodge Hill Girls' School. As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment, we would like to inform you about our school behaviour policy regarding detentions.

As you may be aware, school detentions are a tool we use to address behavioural issues and encourage responsible conduct among our pupils. As such, detentions are an integral aspect of our disciplinary system, aiming to help pupils reflect on their actions and learn from their mistakes.

In line with the Department for Education, Hodge Hill Girls' School has no legal obligation to inform parents/carers that their child is being kept back after school for a detention. Additionally, the school does not require the consent of a parent/carer to issue and detain a pupil for an after-school detention. However, to ensure transparency and fairness, we want to inform you that we will provide at least 24-hour notice period before the scheduled detention time. This notice will be communicated through your child, and Class Charts.

If a pupil has received a detention, they will be given a detention slip which they must take home and show a parent/carer. Parents/carers must ensure they are signed up to Class Charts as you will also receive an email informing you of the date, time and reason for the detention. This is also on the detention slip.

Attendance to Detentions

We expect all pupils who have been assigned this sanction to attend school detentions. All pupils are aware of the school rules, and they are regularly reminded of our expectations and values as a school.

During a detention, pupils are expected to reflect on their actions which have resulted in receiving a behaviour sanction. Pupils will have a restorative conversation with the staff member issuing the detention so that we can support our pupils in realigning poor behaviour choices.

We understand that organising alternative arrangements for collecting your child at a later time due to after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience for families. Nonetheless, this will not be accepted as a reason to cancel a detention as they are an integral part of the behaviour management system, and I am sure that you will want to support us in maintaining high standards for our pupils.

We urge parents/carers to encourage their children to adhere to the behavioural expectations of Hodge Hill Girls' School, so that ultimately, they are not issued with a detention at all. The Behaviour Policy is available on the school website for further reference. A polite notice to all parents/carer's that detentions will not be cancelled or moved to lunchtime.

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A reminder to all parents/carers to please ensure that you are accessing Class Charts regularly so that you are aware of the positive behaviours your child is achieving in school, in addition to where your child's behaviour is not meeting the standards of school behaviour expectations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in fostering a positive learning environment at Hodge Hill Girls School.

Yours sincerely,

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