

17 September 2015

Dear Parent or Carer

In our continued drive to make Westleigh High School the best it can be, we are looking to improve the punctuality of our students.

As you are aware, learning starts at 8.25am so students who arrive after this time are missing out on key messages and valuable learning time. Punctuality is also an essential life skill which will prepare students for success in the work place. Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between high absence and low attainment, as well as the impact this has on a pupil's future employment prospects.

With this in mind, we are introducing a new 'lates detention' system which will result in any child arriving at school after 8.25 am receiving a same day detention. Parents will be informed of a child's detention via the school text service, so could I please request if you have changed contact details, that you inform school as soon as possible.

Students who arrive during form period (8.25am - 8.45am) will receive a 20 minute detention and students who arrive after 8.45am will receive a 30 minute detention. Students who fail to attend their detention that night will receive an hour's detention the following night.

This new lates detention will start on Monday 21 September 2015.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in our drive to maximise your son or daughter's potential and prepare them for adult life. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Harrison at school.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



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