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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

We are writing to inform you of a change to the way we are currently dealing with poor punctuality to school in the morning. From Tuesday 30th October 2018 students who arrive after 8.40am but before 9am will serve a 20 minute detention at lunch time on the same day. Students who arrive after 9am will serve a 40 minute detention at lunch time on the same day. Failure to attend any of these detentions will result in an increased amount of time in a lunch time or after school detention. Persistently late students or students who fail to attend detentions could also find themselves serving a Headteacher's 100 minute detention on a Friday after school.

Students are expected to be on our school site by 8.35am and period 1 starts at 8.40am. Period 1 is incredibly important and incorporates our 'Character and Culture' curriculum and sets your son/daughter up for the rest of the school day.

Fortunately, the vast majority of students will not be affected by this change as they have impeccable punctuality records. These students will be rewarded with bonus progress points at the end of each half term and of course this would also be recognised in references further up the school for students who are applying for our Sixth form, apprenticeships or employment. The students with the highest number of progress points in each year group will once again be rewarded with a day trip this academic year.

Please understand that we are going to take a zero tolerance approach to poor punctuality to school after the half term break. Please do call us to let us know if there are extenuating circumstances and your child is going to be late, so we know they are safe, but do not expect us to lift the 20 minute or 40 minute detention as a result of your call.

If you are struggling to motivate your son/daughter to be on time to school, please contact us, if we can offer further support.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Dyer
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Deputy

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Deputy Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

