



DETENTION POLICY

Rationale:

The major factor creating good discipline is a good teacher/pupil relationship based on the respect a good teacher's actions inspire. However, there are occasions when sanctions are required.

Detention should be for serious or repeated breaches of the School's Code of Conduct and, if it is to remain an effective and progressive sanction, should only be used when a student has not responded to more positive behaviour modification strategies.

Schools have legal authority to detain pupils on disciplinary grounds, after the end of the College session, without the consent of the parent, providing the detention is reasonable and proportionate to the offence. There is no requirement for schools to give parents a reason for the detention.

Purpose:

- ❖ To reinforce high expectations and the upholding of the College's Code of Conduct.
- ❖ To modify student behaviour.
- ❖ To ensure that students realise the implications of the misdemeanour.
- ❖ To support other appropriate and meaningful sanctions.

Guidelines:

In each case of detention:

- i) Written notification will be given in the student organiser.
- ii) If appropriate, an Information on Pupil slip (IOP) will be completed.
- iii) The teacher issuing the detention will be responsible for ensuring student attendance and for the provision and supervision of appropriate, meaningful tasks.
- iv) Information will be recorded in the Student Organiser.

Information on detentions for punctuality can be found in the school Punctuality Policy.