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## HEADTEACHER HEADLINES

### MAY 2019

#### FORETEL SURVEY

Many thanks to the 265 parents who took the time to complete the Foretel Survey. A summary of your views and our intended actions are below.

#### From the Foretel Survey 2019, our parents told us...

Provide more practical advice on how to help learning at home

Provide clearer reports to show how students are progressing

Continue to improve behaviour in the Academy



Co-op Academy Failsworth

#### **We will...**

We will provide simple guidance sheets from September 2019 and offer one to one advice at parents evenings and on request.

Provide 'new style' progress reports from September 2019 and provide an explanation of what everything means. We will also offer one to one support at parents evenings.

Start a new behaviour system from 3 June 2019 to support classroom behaviour. We will have 3 simple rules.

## **CHANGES TO OUR BEHAVIOUR SYSTEMS IN THE ACADEMY FROM MONDAY 3 JUNE 2019**

I am writing to remind you of changes to our behaviour system from Monday 3 June 2019. Each year since September 2016 we have raised the standards expected of students in the Academy. From June 2019 we want to increase this further so we can continue to ensure learning in the classroom continues to be a priority. We have taken the decision not to do this from September 2019 so we can ensure all students understand the new system before the new academic year begins. This move is with the full support from the Governing Body and Trust Board.

In essence, students will be given:

- A verbal warning in class if their behaviour or focus needs to change.
- If students need to be told again they will receive a second warning.  
Both these stages mirror our current system.
- If negative behaviour continues students will be asked to leave the classroom and continue their work in an alternative 'Reflections' venue for the rest of the day. This will include break and lunch if appropriate.
- We will ensure all students are given an opportunity for a break and lunch at an appropriate point during the day, but this will not be with the rest of the school. Currently we operate a detention system sanctioning behaviours in the classroom. The new approach to behaviour and standards will replace the 40 minute detention currently running. In addition, the current isolation room for more serious offences and sanctions will still exist and we will continue to use offsite placements and fixed term exclusions in a small number of cases.

As you are aware we already celebrate the many success our students achieve and we frame this around our values. Students earn rewards and are recognised for

- In class reward points
- Good Attendance and much improved attendance
- Positive form time contributions
- Being an excellent role model to others both in school and outside of school
- Being a Prefect or Year Ambassador
- Subject and Department rewards and trips
- End of Term 1 and 3 rewards
- Positive phonecalls

I have spoken to students about the changes in assemblies between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May, so they are clear.

With your continued support we are confident this approach will make a huge difference in classrooms. At present, the vast majority of students get this right on nearly every occasion. There may however be instances, at the beginning of the new system, where students who have previously not been sent from a classroom are affected by these changes. Please be assured we anticipate that most students will quickly learn the new standards.

The system will start on Monday 3 June 2019, and we will review this during the half term. I do hope you can see what we are trying to achieve. We are making sure learning and progress are further strengthened in the Academy.

### **ParentPay**

You have recently received a letter regarding our move to ParentPay for all payments. The key headlines are below.

Starting September 2019, we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for Academy meals, trips, music tuition, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay will be live at the Academy from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. From this date the Academy will no longer be accepting cash or cheque payment for trips, events or music tuition. Parents who would like to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

Taylor Shaw (Academy meal provider) will continue to accept cash through the cash points in the Academy atrium.