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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Da Vinci Academy, we strive to offer an environment that fosters both academic excellence and personal growth. Every minute of every lesson counts in the journey to being exceptional. Regular attendance and punctuality to school and lessons are therefore essential to achieve this, as it ensures that students do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities and remain engaged with the school community.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve school attendance and address the issue of truancy from lessons, we will now be issuing after-school detentions to anyone who has deliberately missed part or all of a lesson. Students missing part of a lesson will be issued a 20 minute detention and a 60 minute detention if they miss all of the lesson. Any student who misses more than one lesson in a day will be placed in internal reflection the next day and will also be expected to complete a 60 minute detention. This system will be implemented starting Monday 13th May 2024, and aims to significantly improve punctuality and attendance in school throughout the day, by reinforcing the importance of full participation in the educational process.

Parental support is critical in ensuring the success of this initiative. We encourage you to discuss the significance of attending all scheduled lessons with your child and to support them in adhering to their timetable. Please reinforce the message that every lesson is a step towards their future goals.

Parents and carers of students who receive a behaviour point for deliberately missing all or part of lessons will be notified by text message of the detention, detailing the reason, the date and length of time they will be expected to stay.

Should you have any concerns or require further clarification regarding our new system, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are committed to working together to support your child's educational journey.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours faithfully,

E. Cubrowell

Mrs E Culverwell Deputy Headteacher

