



# Detention Policy

**Assistant Principal – Behaviour and Attendance** | September 2022

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## Section 1

# Policy Rationale

### Behaving and Learning the Minsthorpe Way

Schools are permitted to set detentions by law. Legislation has changed so that schools are permitted to set detentions without giving parents prior knowledge. We however believe this is unfair and does not allow for parents to actively support the college in its behaviour policy. In the interests of students' safety we give a day's notice. We do not issue same day after-college detentions.

## Section 2

# Setting of Detentions

Detentions are a necessary sanction that are part of a teacher's toolkit. They act as a deterrent but also support a firm but fair discipline policy.

It is therefore important that parents and students can see that when a detention is set it has been done fairly without malice and that there is a rational reason for the sanction to take place.

Minsthorpe Community College sets clear BE FAIR expectations for students' behaviour. If a student fails to meet these expectations, the teacher gives a clear verbal warning. If the student continues to breach these expectations, they will be removed from the lesson to allow others to continue learning. An after-college detention will be set by the teacher.

Lunchtime detentions are set primarily for incidents that are outside the classroom. Lunchtime detentions do not necessitate parents' prior knowledge.

### Section 3

# Reasons why detentions may be issued

1. Lateness
2. Minor disruption
3. Not meeting BE FAIR expectations, despite receiving a warning.
4. Swearing or other inappropriate language
5. Any other form of inappropriate behaviour.

### Section 4

# How to set a detention

When a teacher sets a detention the following flow chart must be followed.

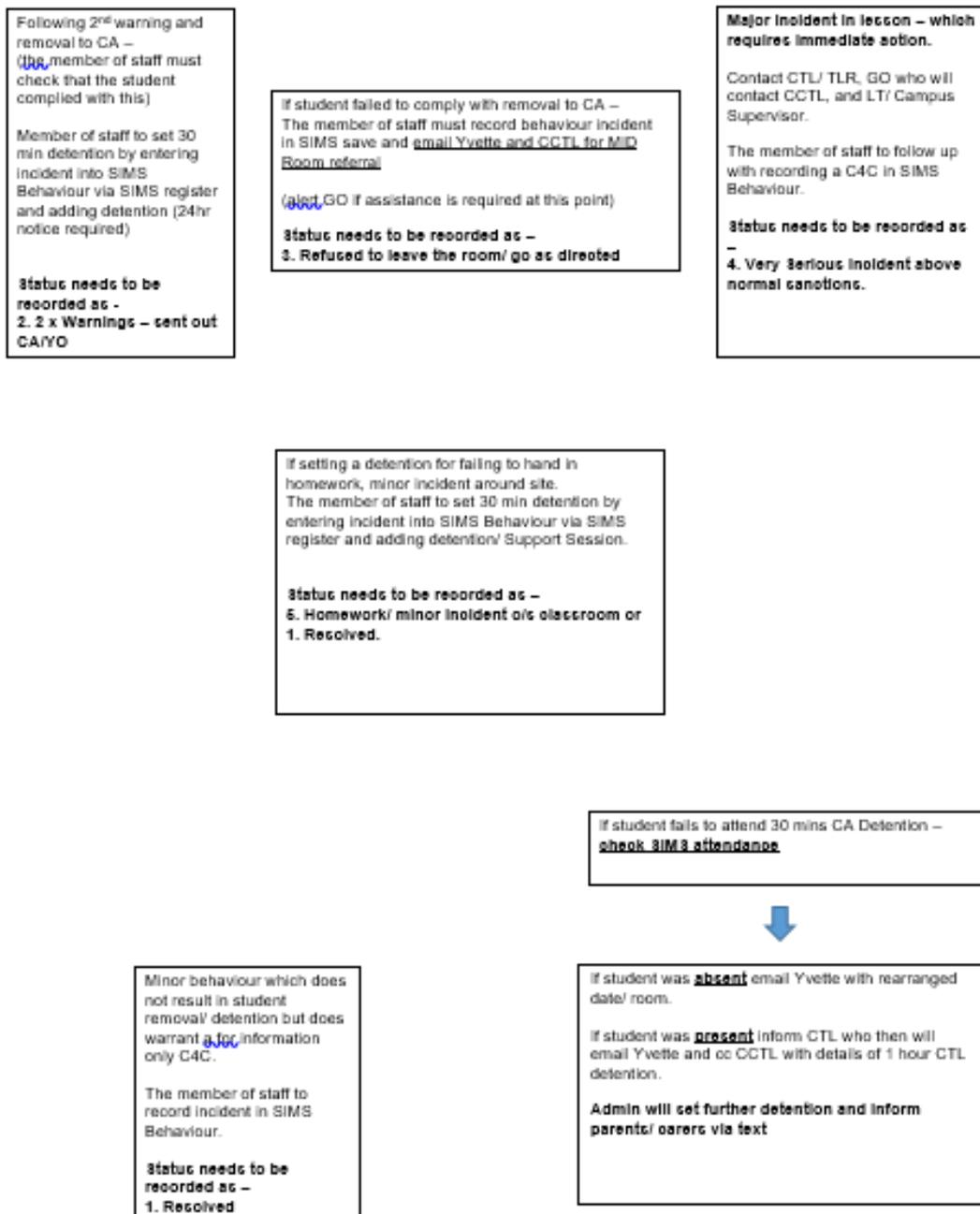
A lunchtime detention/removal is usually in response to an incident at snack break and the senior member of staff will direct a student to go directly to the removal room.

In addition, to set a lunchtime detention on another day, simply notify by email the relevant CCTL along with the Pastoral Support Manager with details of the incident.

Parents will receive notification of an after college detention via text or Gateway App message.

## Section 5

### \* Procedures for setting of detentions and informing Year Office/ General Office.



\* These are the procedures at the time of the policy coming before Governors. These will change from September 2022 when the process will move to Satchel:One

## Final Section

# Equality Assessment

This policy has been assessed with regard to its impact on equalities issue, with specific reference to the aims of the Equality Act 2010. The equality impact assessment focused on race, gender, disability, pregnancy and maternity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and religion/belief.

## Policy Review Schedule

| Policy last reviewed: | Due for next review: | Role Responsible                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| April 2015            | April 2019           | Assistant Principal<br>(Progress and Aspiration)  |
| April 2019            | April 2022           | Assistant Principal<br>(Progress and Aspiration)  |
| May 2022              | April 2025           | Assistant Principal<br>(Behaviour and Attendance) |