

# Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

In line with Welsh Assembly Government guidance, Ysgol Harri Tudur / Henry Tudor School makes use of detentions in order to maintain high standards with regard to pupil conduct in and around the school. We are currently looking to refine our system of detentions with a view of assisting in the clarity and effectiveness of the process.

We currently have a split detention system – department detentions, pastoral detentions and senior staff detentions. These tend to happen once a week, so very often pupils come to a detention not always remembering why they are in detention due to it being issued up to a week previously. This dilutes our restorative approach of making situations ‘right’ again.

Research has shown that detentions are much more effective and assist a restorative approach if they are completed on the same day of issue. However, as you may be aware, Welsh Assembly Government guidance suggests that parents should be given 24 hours notice before a detention is issued. Clearly there is a contradiction.

In order to improve the efficiency of our detentions, we will be introducing a daily detention system, which will be run by a senior member of staff each day, assisted by some teaching staff. The detention will be for thirty minutes duration, and in that time the pupil will have a restorative conversation about the reason for the detention, and will also complete some meaningful learning.

In order to improve the effectiveness, we ask that parents/guardians/carers allow for pupils to stay behind in order to do their detention on the same day of it being issued. This would only ever happen if we are able to make telephone contact before 2pm on that day.

Please be assured that whilst we are keen to improve on our system of detentions, it is not our intention to rely any more or any less heavily on this system. We wish to guide and support our youngsters in a restorative way, and only use detentions as one of many approaches available to us.

If you are unable to support this approach, please complete the slip at the bottom.

Kind Regards

Mr C Preddy  
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs F Kite  
Headteacher

DETENTION SLIP – to be returned to Mr C Preddy, Assistant Headteacher

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to allow my son/daughter to stay behind for a same-day detention. I require the full 24 hours’ advance notice.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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