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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Updated procedures

Welcome! I am Michelle Harwood and I would like to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher, who is replacing Mrs Laidlaw at Hungerhill School. A qualified scholar in English - I come with 20 years of experience in the field of teaching. 10 of which have been dedicated to working with behavior and young people in varied and diverse academies across Nottingham and Derbyshire. Initially, I have one core aim here at Hungerhill, and that is to embed a culture of high expectations for students and staff. Why? Because I want our students to get the best deal and I feel they all deserve the highest of expectations. All students should have the opportunity to learn in a disruption free environment and feel safe and happy at school.

Below I have outlined a few amendments to some of our current school systems to allow the above to happen and our students to flourish.

Break and Lunch Times

Students will no longer remain in their year group areas and will be permitted to intermingle. However, we will be limiting where students are permitted to go at break and lunch time. This is to further enhance supervision and continue to allow us to safeguard our students.

Lunch Time Pod

As our weather becomes more positive in the following weeks, we will be opening our outside 'Grab and Go' food pod. Whilst we appreciate that the majority of our students like to have a hot, sit-down meal, there are a minority that prefer a 'grab and go' option. The Pod will be accessible to all year groups at lunch time only and will consist of a cold option. We are hoping that students will see this as a positive privilege, but we must be mindful of litter so please encourage your child to place all litter in the bin. Students will have plenty of access to the picnic tables under the canopies for seating.

Post lunch- Praise and Proud Line Up

In an attempt to praise the success of our students on a daily basis, we are implementing our 'praise and proud' line up before entering period 4 lessons each day. This will allow Head of Years and Senior Leaders to celebrate academic and behavioral successes with each year group and give out key notices before the



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school day ends. Students will head towards their centralised areas after lunchtime, before being dismissed to lesson 4 for their afternoon learning.

Medical Passes and Toilet Passes

Polite reminder: If your child is in need of a medical pass or toilet pass, supporting evidence must be received so that appropriate provision can be made. Please take any supporting documents to Mrs. Crompton on Student Reception.

Detentions

Hungerhill employs a fair and transparent behaviour system and where a student fails to meet the expected standard, a sanction will be issued. This sanction in the first instance will be a detention. Students will be expected to attend detentions as close to where the sanction was issued. Exemptions to detentions will only be permitted for outside appointments e.g medical, dentist if we receive prior notice from parents/carers. Unfortunately, if a student refuses to attend a detention their sanction(s) will be upscaled. This could result in an internal suspension in our Isolation Centre located at Hungerhill School, or an external suspension at one of our partnership schools. Detentions cannot be optional. Please encourage your child to attend detentions, so that they can take responsibility for their actions and then move forward.

Changes to Isolation Protocols

Behavioural incidents at Hungerhill are incredibly low. Only 6% of the school cohort have ever been placed in Isolation. This is a commendable figure and something which we are incredibly proud of. If your child receives a sanction for an internal suspension at Hungerhill School, they are in the minority and they will be placed in our Isolation Centre located on site. You will be notified via email detailing the date, reason and the number of days. The main changes to the isolation day is that it will start at 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm. Students in isolation are not permitted on site until 9.00am. At 9.00am, students are to report to the main reception where they will be collected by a member of staff and escorted to the isolation room. This will allow the pastoral team to settle the students in mainstream school before the isolation day starts. Isolation detentions will also remain separate from main school detentions.

Finally, I would like to say that this is my 3rd week in the school. I have been overwhelmed with how friendly and helpful the students, staff and parents have been. The staff work incredibly hard to provide our students with a full curricular and pastoral package – and it shows. I am incredibly excited about taking Hungerhill into its next chapter.

Yours Sincerely



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