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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our first week back in school, I felt it was important to write to you with a few updates.

It has been an amazing start to the academic year; students look incredibly smart in their new uniform; attendance has been excellent and there is a real positive feel when you walk around the school. Thank you so much for all your support to ensure that students have arrived fully prepared and ready to learn. Good attendance to school is vitally important. It has been proven that there is a direct link between good attendance and achievement. Please continue to send your child to school as every session counts!

The start of term is always a busy one and it is at these times that we may take a little longer than normal to get back to you. To try and speed this up, may I just remind you of some key email addresses you can use with specific enquiries.

- Attendance queries [attendance@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:attendance@medenschool.co.uk)
- Detentions queries [detentions@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:detentions@medenschool.co.uk)
- SEND queries [send@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:send@medenschool.co.uk)
- General enquiries [office@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:office@medenschool.co.uk)

There have been some changes to school procedures on our return. The main one is the 'same day' detentions. This has already been communicated with you in July. As a reminder, if a behaviour incident is logged in school, you will receive a text to tell you that your child is in detention that day after school. If for any reason they cannot attend, please use the email address above to rearrange. All information can be viewed on the MCAS app.

In our letter to you in July, about mobile phones, we reminded you that students are prohibited to use their mobile phone or other smart devices in school. As a reminder, if a student is found to be on their phone or a phone is seen out, then it will be confiscated and a Parent/Carer will need to collect it. They will also receive an after-school detention.

Meden School continues to be over-subscribed in all year groups, which is an amazing position to be in. Over the last few days we have had a few issues with the second lunch sitting and believe this is primarily due to the new students being unsure and taking longer than usual to get their lunch. Today we did a walkthrough with the Y7 students to clarify the different areas they can purchase food and from next week we have arranged for the Year 7 students to be let out of lessons slightly earlier to alleviate this pressure. We will continue to monitor this next week.

As a school we strive to create and maintain good relationships with our Meden Families and we value your continued support, thank you.

Kind regards



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