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Dear Parents and Carers

In our ongoing efforts to further improve our communication with parents, from Monday 15 May we are able to provide instant access to your child's rewards and consequences information directly from the school's Virtual Learning Environment [VLE].

This will enable you to know on a daily basis what commendations or consequences your child may have received; when, why and from whom. When the system goes live on Monday all data will be stored from that date going forward, but the system will not hold any historical data before that date.

According to the reports that have been sent home this year, the vast majority of students have received numerous rewards and very few consequences. However, should your child receive a sanction, it is likely to be because the teacher concerned genuinely feels it is vital to preserve good order or learning and to send a clear message to him or her.

Teachers here do not set sanctions lightly and will usually give students the benefit of the doubt if they can. Therefore, as we say at the start of our partnership together in the new Year 7 parents evening each summer, please support us by obtaining the school's version of what has occurred by reading the comment on the VLE before you question a sanction given by a member of our staff.

If, however, you then still feel that any consequence has been issued unfairly please contact your son or daughter's form tutor or subject teacher in the first instance. Please also consider our communication protocols as published in RoundUp this week.

To help you to access the new information available to you our IT Support team have put together two instruction guides. One guide is for your PC or Mac and the other is for a free app [EduLink One] to put on your mobile or tablet. Personal and secure logins and passwords for each family will be sent first thing on Monday. Should you experience any difficulties navigating this then please contact our IT Support team at helpdesk@roundwoodpark.co.uk.

As a result of this new access, we will no longer be sending individual C3 detention letters to parents or students. We will still send an InTouch text to your mobile number, informing you of the date of the detention and asking you to check the VLE to find out what the detention is for. This will be sent early in the morning the day before the detention, giving at least five hours more notice than before. Please make sure we have your up to date mobile number if you change phones.

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When a detention date is set and you have been notified, please can you support us whenever possible and stick to the original date. We find that when dates are altered to suit a student's out of school activities they are treated much less seriously by the student and this reduces their impact in improving their future behaviour.

If you have previously received a weekly report on your child's behaviour these will no longer be sent home. If, however, you do not have the technology or internet access to view the VLE, please contact the pastoral office and we will continue to provide a hard copy for you.

We hope this new method of electronic communication helps us work better together to support your child's achievement and development. Please do let us know if there is something that is not going well during this transition so we can head off any teething problems quickly.

Yours sincerely



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