



Monday, 3 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Supporting Improved Behaviour

### New Technology for Monitoring and Supporting Students

We are writing to inform you that we are making some changes to the protocols and systems at Brentside High School. Some of you are aware that last year we introduced SIMS Learning Gateway for parents/carers to keep track of learning behaviours alongside Satchel One for merits and home learning. The SIMS Learning Gateway was paused earlier this year in anticipation of the introduction of Class Charts.

We are taking steps towards a single software platform that will bring together the best elements of Satchel One, SIMS and other software within the school. This will allow families to have near live updates on the positive recognition students receive daily and keep track of any instances whereby student behaviour falls below our and your high expectations. Class Charts will also notify you when a student has a detention.

Presently, staff are developing their skills and experience using this software that will improve communication and develop both students' and families' understanding of how they are progressing. We aim to introduce this to students and families, after the February half term. Initially this will involve the issuing of usernames and passwords. There will follow some videos and some online opportunities to use the software from a parent's perspective. More information will follow on this matter after the half term. We will also offer online sessions to parents, both online and in person to support you to log on and use the software.

### Removal from Lessons

The vast majority of students conduct themselves in a manner that meets or exceeds our high expectations. However, on occasion, a small minority of students, for a variety of reasons, fall below these expectations. There are processes in place to support teaching staff to deliver effective teaching and this does sometimes require a student to continue their lesson away from the main class. This is part of standard practice that is recognised by the Department for Education (DfE).

Moving forward, from Tuesday, 25 February 2025, if a student is required to be removed from a lesson for significant or persistent behaviour issues, then they will be withdrawn from lessons for the duration of the day. If students are placed in another teaching room, they will return to lessons.

Initially, families will be contacted by text to notify them of the removal from a lesson. This will then result in an automatic same day detention until 16:00, whereby during this time the class teacher will call home and explain the reasons for the removal and have a restorative conversation with the student. This ensures the behaviour is addressed, for a quicker return to learning.

If you have any queries, then do please liaise with your child's SAFE Worker and Year Leader in the first instance.

We look forward to your continued support with improving.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Duffy  
Deputy Headteacher