

Why do we set detentions?

Holy Trinity is committed to encouraging positive behaviour through our rewards system. However, we sometimes have to use consequences to reinforce our expectations. Detentions are one of the consequences available to staff to encourage students to follow school rules.

The school is legally entitled to set and impose detentions and does not require parent/carer permission to do so. However, if parents feel that there is evidence that the school has not considered, they are encouraged to contact the school to discuss the issue.

Notification of detention

When a detention is set, students are informed verbally; if the detention is for the following day it is their responsibility to ensure that this information goes to parents/carers. If the detention is issued for the same day parent/carers will be informed via text message. Detentions are also logged onto sims and parents/carers will also receive a notification through school gateway that will show the detention as a behaviour point. Only the category is shared with parents/carers, not the details.

Detention start and end times:

Lunchtime detentions:

-  Duration: 20 minutes
-  Start: 12.15pm
-  Finish: 12.35pm

The students will then have 25 minutes for lunch.

After school detentions:

-  Duration: 30-60 minutes
-  Start: 3pm
-  Finish: Either 3:30pm or 4pm

Students can be given two 30-minute detentions each day.

Escalation of detentions

Detentions are an important part of our discipline structure. If students do not complete detentions set, further consequences will follow.

Holy Trinity will always focus on positive relationships and will take into consideration the individual circumstances of student. The missed detention will be discussed with the student and their parents/carers, with a view to resolving the situation and the pupil then attending their detention the following day.

In circumstances where students fail to cooperate with the Holy Trinity Behaviour Standard and do not attend detentions following supportive conversations, more serious consequences will be implemented that may include internal suspension or a Fixed Term Suspension.

Rescheduled detentions

Detentions will be rescheduled where a student is not in school to attend; this will usually be on the day of return.