

March 2025

Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance to Restorations

At Forge Valley, we take a positive approach to managing behaviour in the classroom and we believe restorative practice is an essential part of forging excellent working relationships between pupils and staff. A key aspect of this approach are restorations, which place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after-school between 3 – 3.45pm.

These restorative conversations are a vital opportunity for poor behaviour to be addressed, allowing both pupil and teacher to engage in meaningful conversation and discuss how behavioural issues can be resolved moving forwards. These meetings provide the chance for pupils to raise any concerns they may have with their teacher and for strategies such as seating plan changes to be considered and implemented.

The vast majority of our pupils are fully engaged in this process and demonstrate maturity, respect and reflectiveness when conducting these conversations. Sadly, there are a small number of pupils who persistently fail to attend these restorations, despite Period 5 teachers being asked to escort pupils to the meetings.

To address this issue and ensure that restorations continue to have maximum impact on promoting positive behaviour and learning outcomes, a Friday Headteacher Detention will be introduced and held from Friday 21st March between 3 – 4.30pm. Pupils who fail to attend restorations during the week will be placed into this detention.

Although schools are not legally required to notify home if they need to keep a child after-school, Forge Valley will always notify parents / carers 24 hours in advance of a restoration. When a child is placed into a restoration for a W3 or W4, the pupil's teacher should contact home within 24 hours to discuss the behaviour incident. If this does not happen, then please contact Miss Brown, our Pastoral Administrator. Alternatively, a list of teachers' email addresses can be found on the school website under the 'contact us' tab on the homepage. If your child is unable to attend a restoration due to unavoidable circumstances such as a medical appointment, please contact Miss Brown and she will re-schedule the restoration.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

J Crofts

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Associate Assistant Headteacher