

15th March 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Parents and Carers portal

The Outwood parents and carers portal has been available for nearly 12 months and I know that many of you enjoy being able to see the praise points that your children have been gaining every day. The portal has also been able to help you track the attendance of your son or daughter and to have immediate access to their Praising Stars data without having to contact the academy for this information.

On Monday 18th March we are increasing the information that is available to you on the portal. You will now be able to see when sanctions have been set and the reason for the sanction. At this point the information shared will be limited to a category rather than a full description of the reason. This additional information will help you to support your son or daughter in managing their time so that they don't miss any detentions, as well as allowing you to have more informed discussions with them if they are receiving sanctions in school.

The decision to share this information with you was taken to enhance the working relationship between parents, carers and the academy staff. This will benefit your sons and daughters as it allows everyone supporting them to work together to make their academy experience a better one. I do need to remind all parents and carers that the teaching staff who set the sanctions are following the academy's "positive discipline for learning and life" policy and I would not like the decision to share additional information with you to increase their workload by having to respond to numerous enquiries for additional details regarding each sanction. Our Learning Manager team is able to be contacted, preferably via email (enquiries@newbold.outwood.com), if parents and carers have any questions regarding sanctions.

If there are any parents or carers who have not yet registered for the portal then the parent portal can be accessed from the school website by clicking on the 'Parent and Carer portal' button at the bottom of the page. If you are unable to access this then please contact Mr Tice via email (a.tice@newbold.outwood.com), as it is likely your email may need updating on the portal.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Southern
Principal