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Dear Parents / Carers

As this half term comes to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support as we work together to improve the school and the outcomes for your children. We continue to have huge success in improving attendance to school and reducing suspensions and internal trancies. We are certain that as we improve the quality of teaching and learning, all of these elements will come together to produce excellent results for our pupils.

We are delighted that so many of our pupils have received many positive points and are very proud of them, these far outweigh the negatives: we will ensure that they are rewarded for this with exciting end of year trips. These are currently being planned by their Heads of Year. We thank you for your support in getting pupils to school, on time and in the correct uniform. We appreciate your support when children have not got it right, in having conversations at home and in supporting the school with detentions. Whilst it has been important to implement a strong behaviour system at the school to help create a calm and safe environment, we recognise that we need to ensure we are rewards focused and creating a warm and positive environment next half term.

As promised in my last letter to parents, we have had a complete review of our spending on Inclusion and pastoral support and have ensured that the right amount of money and resources are supporting this area of school. For example:

- We have created better links with Sheffield Local Authority and have regular Inclusion Panels, where we bring together professionals from across the city to get children the support they need quickly.
- We have bought into Unravel, Think to the Future and Kooth to support mental health and behaviour.
- We have invested in SEND and recruited a larger team of Teaching Assistants.
- We have redesigned SEND Pupil Passports and ensured that teachers have the most important information about pupils at their fingertips so they can support them properly in lessons.
- We have run parental workshops 'Raising Competent Teens' and the 'Becton Wings' project to support vulnerable pupils.

To further develop a positive and safe learning environment at Bradfield, we would like to inform you of some further changes to our Relationships and Behaviour Policy from after the half term holidays.

- Mobile devices must be switched off and out of sight at all times when at school. This is from when pupils enter the school site to when they leave. If a mobile phone is seen or heard it will be confiscated and only returned to a parent / carer who will need to come into school to collect it.
- Break and lunch times will be split after the half term holidays. This will not affect the start and end time of the day but will ensure that children can access the dining area and hall more quickly, reducing the need for queuing outside in the cold, reducing the long queues children are currently waiting in when they are inside the building.
- We will be communicating regularly with you when children achieve positive points and recognition from their teachers.
- There will no longer be break time detentions. All detentions will be after school for 30 minutes. Sometimes children may be issued with a Senior Leadership detention, for more serious behaviour incidents or for missing detentions. These will now be 1.5 hours long from 2.55pm-4.25pm on Fridays.

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming pupils back at 8:25am on Monday 24th February 2025.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Hughes', written over a horizontal line.

Anna Hughes
Interim Head of School