

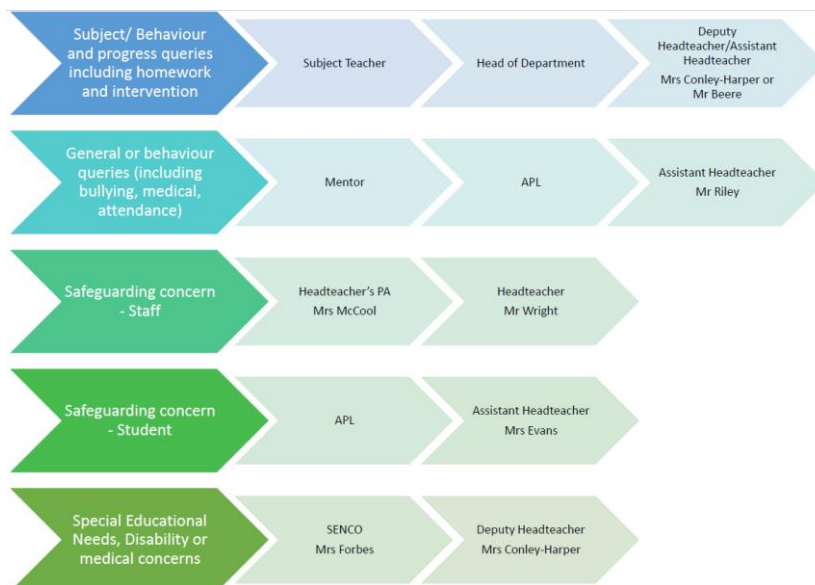
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Dear Parents & Carers,

Lines of communication

Since joining Oakmoor it has been important for me to take time to understand the school, community and how we can improve systems to make our school as supportive, safe and efficient as possible.

As part of this learning I have identified that we have not made it clear who to contact when there is a concern that a parent or carer would like to raise. On our website we have now made this much clearer as to who to contact. This can be found at the bottom of the [contact us](#) page on our website and also below.



Behaviour

In order for a school to be successful it needs to have firm clear expectations of how students should conduct themselves. Learning is too precious to be ruined by poor behaviours. Learning behaviours are good at Oakmoor but we are striving for excellence, good is not good enough for our students and this school. We have done an extraordinary amount of work with students to change learning behaviours so that all students can thrive in a classroom with disruption free learning. This will support our students to leave our school being successful both academically and in the wider society.

We acknowledge that there has been an increase in recorded sanctions and therefore detentions. We have also changed the location of where we have detentions to centralise into one area. This would appear to the students that there are more students in detention. This is the case but not to the degree that students perceive.

As is normal with a tweak to any behaviour system there will be a natural spike to detentions as students learn how to adjust to the change. As a reminder all students are given a reset warning before a detention is set. They do have an opportunity to correct their behaviour and most students are already demonstrating this.

If you have concerns then it is vital that you follow the lines of communication above. If your child thinks that a sanction is unfair please ensure that you contact the member of staff who has given the sanction to enable open communication in resolving the matter.

I would also like to remind you of the appropriate use of social media that is on our website and has been sent home previously on page 3 [here](#). In particular I would like to draw your attention the following:

Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to your child's mentor or APL in the first instance, as per our Complaints Policy, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately, and effectively for all concerned.

We all want to work together to achieve the best for all students at Oakmoor. We have been and always are grateful for your support in this. Together we can achieve great things.

Dates for your diary

Just a reminder of some key events coming up.

Date	Event
Friday 26 January	Holocaust Memorial day event
Thursday 1 February	Year 8 Parents' evening classes J, K, L and M
Thursday 8 February	Year 8 Parents' evening classes N, O, and P
Friday 9 February	Finish for half term at 2:45pm

Have a good weekend,



Mr Nigel Wright
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