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Date: 22 November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this email finds you well. This is a reminder that this Friday, 26 November, is an INSET day and the school will be closed to all students. The school will reopen as usual at 8.10am on Monday, 29 November.

As you will know from previous emails and newsletters, I prize punctuality very highly. Lateness to lessons has a detrimental effect not just on the latecomer but on the whole class as their learning is also disrupted. Thankfully, the vast majority of our students move purposefully to their lessons and arrive on time. However, there are a small number of students who are deliberately late to their lessons and choose to either walk a scenic route between classes, or wait for their friends. To tackle this problematic behaviour (and in line with our school behaviour policy) we will be reintroducing same day, one hour after school late detentions for any student who is excessively late to their lessons without a valid reason. These will run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm every day and you will be notified by your child's year team. To help avoid your child receiving one of these late detentions, please speak with them about the importance of getting to their lessons on time.

Our current Relationships and Sex Education policy is due to be reviewed in February and can be found here:

<https://www.thesittingbourneschool.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=173&type=pdf>

Parental feedback on this policy is essential so I would be grateful if parents and carers could read the current policy and email any feedback they have to Ms Van Deelan by email:

[jenni.vandeelan@swale.at](mailto:jenni.vandeelan@swale.at) by the end of January 2022. Please label the email with "RSE feedback" in the subject line.

Finally, I wrote in the end of term newsletter that I will be holding surgeries for parents who wish to come into school to ask me questions or to discuss an aspect of school life. The first surgery will take place on Monday 6th December between 3.30 and 6.00. Meeting slots are ten minutes each and can be booked by calling reception. Slots will be issued on a first come first served basis. I look forward to meeting with you then.

Kind Regards

Mr N Smith  
Head of School