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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to thank the many of you who took the time to complete the parent survey. This is very much appreciated. We very much value your feedback and along with the student and staff voice we have also conducted, this has provided us with some really useful information, views and thoughts. We are always keen to act on feedback from parents and in this letter we wanted to share with you some of the changes we are making in response to this feedback.

Detailed below is some key information relating to these changes. We have today communicated these changes to students through an assembly.

We can confirm that we will be making the following changes:

Mobile phones: we are changing the mobile phone policy with immediate effect. This reflects feedback from both students and parents. If a mobile phone is used, seen or heard from the time students come into the school in the morning until 3.00pm, it will be confiscated. Parents will be called to let them know and the mobile phone will be available for collection by the parent from reception the same day. This is a change from the current arrangements in which parents can only collect the phone 24 hours after it has been confiscated. A further change is that we are allowing phones to be used after 3.00pm. We feel that this is important from a safe and well being perspective for students attending after school clubs, fixtures and period 6.

Lunchtimes: in our recent surveys, students, parents and staff all felt that lunchtimes (currently 30 minutes) were too short. After the Easter break, lunchtimes will return to their previous length of 40 minutes.

Toilets: We recognise that our toilet facilities need improvement. As a result plans are now being put in place, for example redecoration work.

Verbal warnings: these replaced a C1 from January and was a neutral behaviour event. However, following some concerns around this, from today, these neutral behaviour events will now be known as reminders.

Detentions: following feedback from students, those who are issued with a detention for not completing homework will now complete this detention in a computer room and away from the main hall.

We hope you agree these are all changes that will help further improvements to the student experience at St Ivo Academy. As ever please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Principals