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To parents/carers of pupils in Year 10

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you are all well and you have noticed the significant improvements in behaviour and attitudes towards learning from your child since their return to school in September 2021. As you are aware Year 9 was an extremely disruptive year for your child not only due to COVID-19, but also through some extremely disruptive behaviours for learning - which led to the highest number of physical interventions by any one year group, the most exclusions for disruptive behaviours and lowest average points scored. As a school we decided to re-group pupils enabling for greater staff intervention to support learning and behaviour, these were on the whole successful and learners have taken this momentum into this academic year (on the whole).

However, over the past two weeks, we have seen a number of pupils not adhere to "The Elmwood Way" and have reverted back to refusal to engage with any aspect of formal learning – this will naturally place additional pressure on them next week when we are completing formal assessments with the opportunity to share these results on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at our Progress and Achievement Event. Therefore, as a whole school, we will be introducing learning time for any pupil who hasn't completed the required amount of quality work – this intervention will mean that any learner requiring additional academic support will receive this from a specialist within that field.

Here are the expectations of the interventions:

- Pupils will initially be provided with opportunities during break, lunch and social times to complete any outstanding work.
- Parents / carers will be informed by 12.15 pm each day (if they are required) to complete the learning time at the end of the school day.
- Parents / carers will be responsible for arranging suitable transport arrangements (if required). School fund can provide appropriate bus fare for any pupil requiring it.

Pupils will be informed of this today (Friday 19.11.2021) and I would appreciate your support and encouragement in reminding your child of the expectations and roles of schools.

I look forward to celebrating your child's achievements when we meet on the 8th December 2021.

Yours faithfully

MR L CROSS **HEADTEACHER**



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