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Dear Parent

After extensive research and discussion with Governors, Stanground College is launching an initiative called 'Seclusion'. This is a new sanction for serious misdemeanours by students. It will involve students being kept at college in an isolated, purpose-built room which will be continually supervised by a dedicated member of staff. It will be called the Seclusion Unit. In addition to the member of staff, the room will be monitored by a CCTV system.

In the past, all students committing serious misdemeanours have been excluded from College to their home which has caused difficulties for some parents and, in some cases, has meant that little work is done by the students. The aims of the Seclusion Unit are to ensure that students do not disrupt the learning of others, that 'The Right to Teach' and 'The Right to Learn' continues in every lesson and that the students complete a set amount of work. Each student in seclusion will be allocated to their own study booth.

The students who are secluded will start college at 8.35am and finish at 3.20pm, but will have their break and lunch at different times to the rest of the College. There is a separate toilet in the unit so it will not be necessary for students to leave seclusion during the day. When in seclusion, each student must bring a packed lunch. If they have free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. On successfully completing their time in the Seclusion Unit, the students will be reintegrated back into lessons with monitoring and support.

This new sanction will be used as an alternative to exclusion wherever possible, but it must be understood that the College reserves the right to exclude when it deems such action necessary. If a student is disruptive whilst in seclusion, they will be sent home and will not be allowed back in lessons until they have successfully completed their time in the unit.

If you require any further information on this new sanction, please contact the College. However, it should be remembered that the overwhelming majority of Stanground College students are never excluded and so will never have to serve time in seclusion.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

