

The Housepoint and De-Merit Card System

- ✚ If children have a positive attitude around the school, have courteous behaviour, participate fully in lessons they get a housepoint – which is the front of the card.
- ✚ If the children are seen to be behaving/ working inappropriately they get a demerit – which is on the back of the card.

Housepoint	Number	De-Merit
good work/ behaviour/ Uniform/ Politeness/ Being caring towards peer/ Helping/ Listening and following instruction/ good manners/ table manners	1	talking in class/shouting out/top button undone/poor uniform/poor appearance/ talking crossing road/rudeness/inconsiderate to others/ general poor behaviour/ no materials/ diary unsigned
very good work/ behaviour/ finishing work in time/ high score in test/ good homework/ High Sportsmanship	2	Repeated offence/unsatisfactory attitude/ behaviour/ work ethic/ discourteous /indifferent attitude/ disrespect to property/
excellent work/ behaviour/ Whole week diary signed/ outstanding behaviour/ excellent project outcome/ continuous high scores in test/	3	High level attitude/negative behaviour/constantly discourteous and unpleasant/ negative influence/bad or inappropriate language/physical bullying/ disobeying instruction/ graffiti/

No homework completed or no PE kit is an automatic detention and a letter/phone call home to the parents. Must also be completed on card as an D in the points column.

Staff will be expected to supervise one lunch time detention session per half term.

The card system will work on a weekly basis on Wednesday afternoons, so points can be announced in assembly.

The cards will be colour coded to represent the different houses.

The Way it Works

- ✚ The housepoint and demerit cards get handed in and checked every week to the form tutor.
- ✚ Housepoints and demerits are totalled by the child before the card is handed in and needs to be signed by their parents each week.
- ✚ Cards with 4 or more demerits are kept in the child's file.
- ✚ If the children lose their card they get NO housepoints and they get a detention.
- ✚ If the cards are not signed the housepoints DO NOT count.
- ✚ These cards MUST to be kept with the child at all times - in the children's blazer pocket.
- ✚ All these rules are down to a member of staff's professional judgement.

Positive Consequences

- ✚ Children who have no demerits over one week get an extra 5 housepoints.
- ✚ Children with 50 housepoints get a commendation which is given out at assembly. Bronze/ Silver/ Gold Certificate.
- ✚ Children with 4 commendations (after Gold Certificate) get a book token/ HMV Voucher equivalent.
- ✚ If a child gets more than 200 housepoints, they restart the process getting a Bronze 2 Commendation first, then a Silver 2, then a Gold 2.
- ✚ Commendations are recorded on the child's school form report

Negative Consequences

- ✚ When there are 4 demerits over a week the children have a lunchtime detention/parents informed by form tutor
- ✚ When there are 8 demerits over a week the children have 2 lunchtime detentions/parents informed by Deputy Head of their building
- ✚ When there are 12 demerits over a week the children have one week of lunchtime detentions/parents informed by Head
- ✚ Child is put on an individual report card if they get 10 demerits over a fortnight
- ✚ If this behaviour continues then the parents are called in to see the Head and the child is suspended for a day with work to complete at home
- ✚ If an automatic detention is given by a member of staff (P.E. Kit or no homework), parents will be contacted by the member of staff issuing the detention.
- ✚ Academic detentions are recorded on the child's school form report.

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