

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principals Update – Term 4, Week 3

Last week was an extremely busy one at Oak and I know many happy memories were made by both students and staff. It was fantastic to welcome Year 9 parents onto school site for our first in person parents evening, since before COVID and we thank all those parents who were able to come along. There was a lovely buzz around the room as staff and students talked to parents about the progress being made across different subjects.

Our week ahead appears quieter on paper however I know that with the sun shining we will be set for another excellent week. Below is a snapshot of the week just gone along with information about the weeks to come, in the run up to the Easter break.

Oak Academy Events Last Week

During last week Oak students took part in a number of different events. These included.

- Sporting fixtures (please see our Sports News for more details [Oak PE News - Issue 3 - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#))
- AECC Year 9 Trip
- Year 7 and 8 Young Carers Convention to Adventure Pirate
- Year 9 visit to Elm Academy
- Year 10 Careers Convention at the BIC



Next week students continue to take part in sporting fixtures, Year 11 drama students are heading to Southampton to see a show to support their GCSE exam and on Friday many students across Years 7-11 will take place in a 'Open Mic' event during our Enrichment afternoon. In addition our extra curricular activities continue to be popular and well attended by many. [Extra-Curricular-Programme-T4.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#)

Sparx Maths

This week the maths department launched Sparxs Maths to all students across Years 7-10. This is an exciting new programme which will be used for all Maths homework for the rest of the academic year. A letter was sent out about this during the week and can be found on our website at [Letters to Parents - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#)

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School Council and Senior Team

This week our newly formed Student Council received their badges and came together for their first formal meeting. The main agenda item was looking at Oak's support of the Ukraine Crisis. More information to follow very soon.

Year 10 students also applied for our senior positions, including Head Boy and Head Girl. Interviews for this will take place this week on Tuesday 22nd March. We look forward to announcing these positions during next weeks update.

Parents Evening

Our Year 7 Parents evening takes place this week on Thursday 24th March between 3.30 and 6.30pm. Appointments can be booked on line using the following link [SchoolCloud - Oak Academy](#).

Year 11

With PPE's now behind us Year 11 students are now working towards their final exams. Students will receive their PPE results on Friday 1st April. This week I will be releasing an Easter Revision Timetable and students will receive their Final Exams Timetables. Please do encourage your child to be attending revision sessions after school, we are very much in the final run up now!

We can now confirm that our Year group photo will take place on Thursday 31st March during lesson 1 and 2. During this time students will also have individual and friendship group photos which will then be available to buy.

Year 9 Options

Options interviews will conclude this week and we will be looking to confirm options with students and parents early next week.

Disruption Free Learning

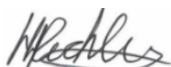
We are currently working hard to ensure disruption free learning across all lessons at Oak. The large majority of students respond well to our current system for managing this. There are occasions however where staff resources are taken up dealing with defiance from students who will not follow our behaviour policy. With this in mind we have added an additional layer to our existing system. Where persistent defiance/disruption occurs in a day parents will be contacted to collect their child and return them to the academy 3-5pm on this day. On going disruption may result in students attending during these hours across a whole week. I am very aware that this will impact only the minority of students/parents however at the end of this letter there are flow diagrams that will explain how we may get to this point.

End of Term

To confirm that our the term ends on Friday 8th April at 2pm. Monday 25th April is an Inset Day and therefore the academy is closed to students. We will welcome all students back to Oak on Tuesday 26th April.

We thank you again for your continued support. Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Academy Team using email addresses at the following link [Academy Staff - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#) or contact me directly at Hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk.

Yours Sincerely,



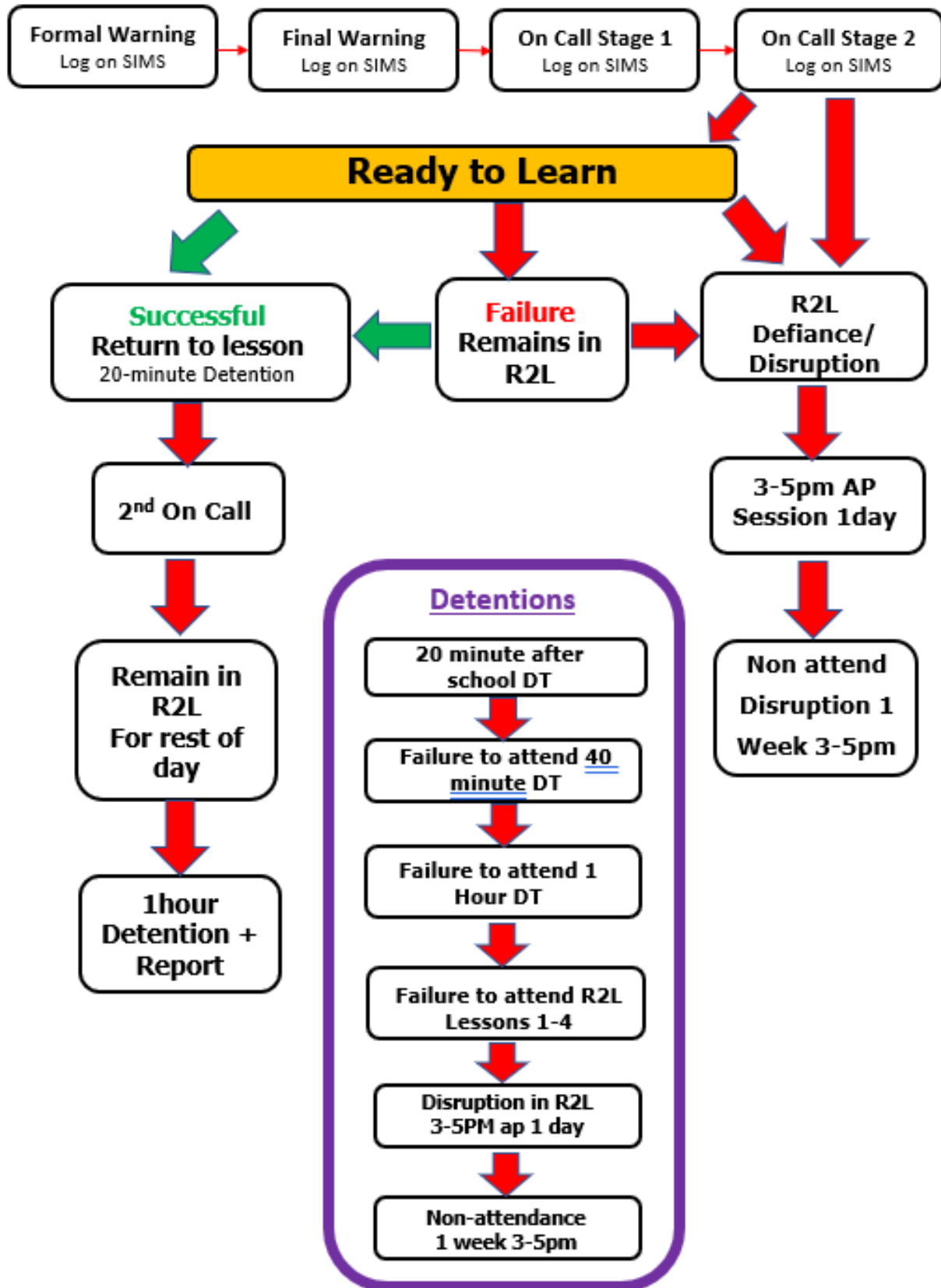
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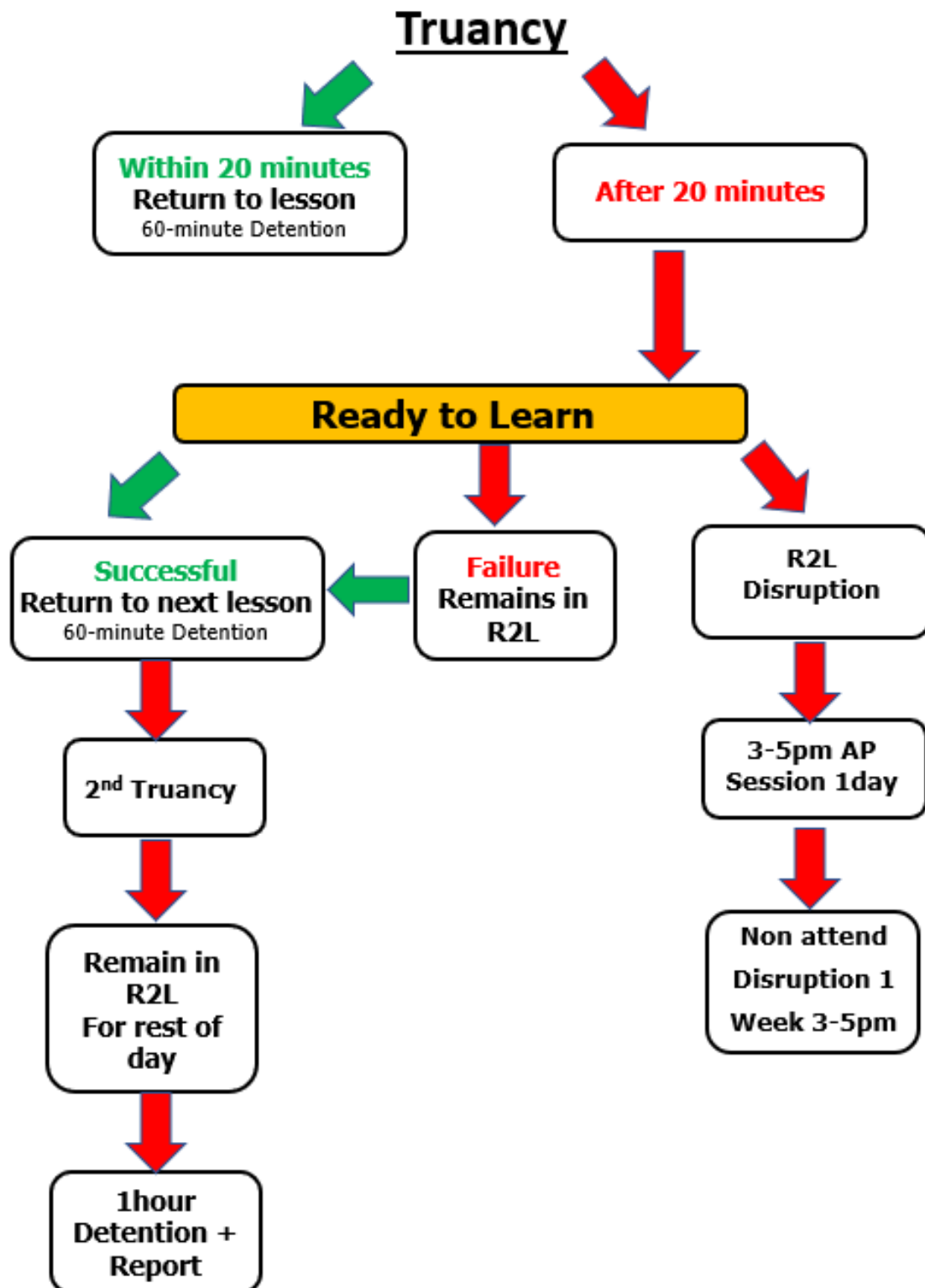


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