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BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

During Monday's In-service day, staff reviewed our Positive Behaviour Policy and have made changes to help build positive relationships across the school. We have very high expectations towards behaviour and wish to build positive choices with pupils. Our aim is to ensure consistency across the whole school with how behaviour is recognised and managed.

I have attached a copy of the new draft Building Positive Relationships Policy for your consideration. We value your opinion and would like to hear your views on this policy. Please submit these in writing or annotate the draft policy and return it to school. These views will be reflected upon and any changes made before presenting the policy for discussion during the Parent Council meeting on Monday 30th October 2017. Staff will also be working with pupils to gather their views.

As well as the school aims of Ready, Respected and Safe; Jar of Good Choices; Restorative Approaches; Staged Interventions and consequences, all explained within the attached draft policy, we have made further changes to practice to ensure consistency and optimise learning time.

We have decided to use the jar of good choices instead of individual Dojo points or similar merit reward systems. This allows pupils to work together in classes to support each other to make good choices. We have decided to keep the messaging aspect of Dojo so parents will still have a clear path of communication with class teachers. Class teachers will also continue to send class messages, as appropriate.

To ensure consistency and to build a whole class positive relationship, all individual weekly prizes associated with behaviour will cease.

To optimise valuable learning time, we have decided to stop Golden Time. We do not feel this has any educational value or impact. Pupils will still be given the opportunity to play during break and lunch time and structured play will continue for P1 and P2. Pupils will be given the opportunity to bring toys from home into school at the end of each term.

Yours sincerely,

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