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Dear Parent or Carer,

Year 6 Behaviour Expectations

Our pupils are regularly praised by visitors and colleagues from other schools for their excellent conduct and attitudes to learning. As is typical at this time of year in almost all schools around the country, however, we have provided our Year 6 pupils with some reminders about our expectations of their behaviour and conduct in school. This is in response to a small number of incidents where pupils have been unkind towards each other and disrespectful to staff. I know from speaking with several parents that you are also seeing some children 'testing boundaries' at home.

In response to this, I have visited classes this week to reinforce our school rules and our behaviour policy. Staff have also spoken with pupils to involve them in forming some of the solutions to the problems. In terms of solutions, we have made the following changes:

- revised groupings at breaktimes and lunchtimes
- planned alternative activities at breaktimes and lunchtimes
- provided additional staff to provide intensive supervision in lessons and at breaks
- we have changed some seating positions in classrooms
- teachers will have discussed any behaviour concerns with parents at this week's parents' evenings.

In terms of our behaviour policy, we adopt the following consequences:

- warning (for minor low-level behaviour)
- miss break time
- required to work separately from friends in another classroom
- sent to principal/member of senior leadership team (for persistent issues or serious matters).

As an incentive, and building on an idea from our pupils, we have also identified some 'bigger' rewards for those pupils who consistently behave well. These will take place next half-term and again towards the end of the school year. Teachers will identify pupils to take part in the reward on the basis of their conduct at the point of the reward.

I am pleased to say that we are already seeing a return to the exemplary conduct we usually see from our wonderful children. Please be assured that we will raise any individual concerns with you at the earliest opportunity so that we can work with you to improve this. In the meantime, I would ask for your support in reinforcing to pupils that they behave well and are respectful at all times.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Year 6 team.

Yours sincerely,
Mr C Metcalfe
Principal