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Dear Parent/Carer

During my time at Eastry as Interim Headteacher, I will endeavor to communicate with parents as much as possible and so will be taking opportunities to write to you regarding some important school matters going forwards.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two weeks in the post, which has been busy getting to know all of the staff and as many pupils as possible. It is clear to myself that ALL staff at Eastry are extremely committed to creating the best school environment for your child to thrive within and that is an incredible asset for any school community to have. The children that I have had the pleasure to meet, appear very proud to be pupils here and show that they care greatly about making the school as best a place as can be for all.

A key value of mine as a school leader is **BEHAVIOURS AND ATTITUDES**. I firmly believe that having the highest standards of behaviours and attitudes from EVERY stakeholder within a school – staff, pupils, parents and governors is the vital starting block to both short and long-term success. I spoke with the whole school early last week about the importance of this and what it needs to look like going forwards. There is a key line in the Eastry Primary School Behaviour Policy which states:

“Every child has a right to learn but no pupil has the right to disrupt the learning of others”

I am a huge advocate of the above intention as I am sure that every parent who sends their child to this school is too. The staff have a clear understanding of and are in full agreement with the high standards of behaviour and attitudes that are needed within the school on a daily basis. From the children that I have spoken to in the first two weeks, this is something that they too agree with and very much want for their school.

Going forwards, I will be looking for parents to work with the school with the shared vision of wanting the best for your children in line with developing their own personal behaviour and attitude skills. It is important for children to see that this message is consistent and united between both school and home.

I am sure that your child may have shared with you over the past few days, the simple behaviour processes that we will be following and equally as importantly, the exciting rewards built around the school's Dojo Points reward system, which will be recognising those pupils who consistently demonstrate high standards in behaviour and attitudes in all areas of school life.

Should parents wish, both myself and other members of the school's Senior Leadership Team, are more than happy to take opportunities to provide a reminder of the school's behaviour policy and expectations should you wish. If so, please call the office and arrange a time to come in and have a chat.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Neil Garvey  
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