

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be introducing a new Behaviour Policy and Strategy into school.

It is the primary aim of our school that every member of the school community feels valued, respected and that each person is treated fairly. We are a caring community, whose values are built on mutual respect for all in line with our equality policy.

West Vale Academy aims to provide children with the opportunity to develop towards their full potential; academically, emotionally and socially:

In order to achieve these aims, all children and classes will adopt and follow the same school rules.

- We are ready.
- We are respectful.
- We are safe.

We are keen to instill these three simple, clear and coherent behaviour expectations at West Vale. We want all children **READY** to learn by: arriving at school on time; having their equipment ready; showing that they are listening, being ready to start lessons and listening and follow instructions.

We want all children to be **RESPECTFUL** by: listening when others speak; respecting the property of their friends and the school; showing good manners; considering others' feelings; focusing their attention and showing full effort.

We want all children to be and feel **SAFE** by: moving around school in a safe manner; following instructions to keep themselves safe e.g. on school trips; using equipment safely; staying safe online; crossing roads safely and keeping their hands and feet to themselves.

Alongside these three behaviour expectations we will also be introducing a whole school Behaviour Strategy : Good to be Green.

A simple summary of the Good to be Green strategy is that all classes will have a behaviour tracker, on which all children start the day in the **GREEN** zone. Pupils may be moved along the behaviour tracker due to inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour. There are different stages along the tracker which pupils can be placed on depending upon the seriousness of poor behaviour and the severity of sanction that behaviour warrants.

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All pupils who have been on GREEN all day will earn the privilege to participate in Class Green Time (a ten-minute reward activity of the class' choice) at 2.50pm. Pupils who have not stayed in the Green Zone will use this time with a keyworker to reflect on the choices they have made throughout the day and agree behaviour targets for the next day to support their choices to stay on green. The class teacher may provide a verbal warning to pupils to give them the opportunity to correct behaviour and remain on GREEN.

Children who have been on GREEN all week earn a point towards a Bronze/Silver/Gold entitlement for the 'Good to be Green' Celebrations held at the end of each term.

Adults will be constantly looking for positive behaviour and for children following the Golden Rules around school including the playground: verbal praise/positive gestures/stickers and house points can be given to pupils to acknowledge green behaviour. There will also be certificates given out in the Praise Assembly each Friday afternoon.

We appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and are grateful for your support moving forwards to help us achieve and maintain high standards of behaviour across school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Horsfall and Mrs Akroyd