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Dear Parents/Carers

It has become clear that swearing is being heard in school, both within the classroom, and outside on the playground. I am writing to let you know that this behaviour will not be tolerated at Horsley Church of England Primary School, in any form. It does not reflect the school's Christian Values. At Horsley, we pride ourselves on developing a safe, caring and nurturing environment. It is thus not right that other children are exposed to such offensive language. As a parent, I would not want my own daughter to be exposed to such language; it is simply not acceptable.

Please note, that there will now be **zero tolerance** of all forms of swearing, whether such language is directed at a child, adult, or muttered 'under one's breath'. Such behaviour will be dealt with swiftly and decisively with sanctions in line with the school's behaviour policy. Please be aware that repeat episodes will result in senior leaders having to take further action in line with school policies. Please see the website for both the 'Behaviour Policy' and the 'Exclusion Policy'. These policies have been developed with, and ratified by, the Governing Board.

To help develop further understanding of the inappropriateness of such behaviour, KS2 staff have prepared a short sequence of age-appropriate lessons to help support children in the Juniors. It would be helpful if you could discuss the topic with your child and also explain why it cannot, and will not, be tolerated. If your child has a diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome, I would be grateful if you would notify the school office accordingly. As SENCO, I would be keen to discuss your child's medical needs and how we can work together to support your child.

I thank you for your support in this regard. I look forward to working with you on this important area.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Price
Headteacher



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