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Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you all well and you are enjoying the new found freedoms that this week brings.

In the past as a school we have held information sessions for all parents regarding behaviour for learning at home and at school. In an ideal world we would be holding this session again but unfortunately we are unable to do this due to the current pandemic, so I thought that sending a brief letter home would be helpful.

Behaviour for learning

- Children's behaviour has a direct impact on their academic achievements.
- Children are able to learn best when they are in a positive environment.
- When children behave in a positive manner they are able to achieve.

What we do in school:

Traffic light system - Children are reminded about good behaviour. If they do not do what they are meant to do then they are moved up the traffic light system. If their behaviour improves they can also be moved back down the traffic lights. When a child reaches red they then miss Golden Time. Golden Time is not a right but a privilege that has to be earned.

Rewards - Children will receive Dojo points in class when they do something that is above and beyond simply completing their work e.g. being kind, good tidying, exceptional work, teamwork e.t.c. Children may be rewarded with a sticker. Children are also awarded star of the week, star of the term and star of the year giving them something to aim for.

What you can do at home:

Here is the legal bit!

The Crown Prosecution Service charging standard, means that hitting a child hard enough to leave visible bruising, grazes, scratches, minor swellings or cuts now constitutes the criminal offence of actual bodily harm. This carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison.





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Physical abuse includes:

- Slapping
- Smacking
- Tapping
- Punching
- Hitting with any object
- Twisting ears
- Pinching
- Burning
- Scalding
- **Causing pain and discomfort by making children sit or stand in uncomfortable positions for long periods.**

So we know all the things we can't do but what can we do?

Positive discipline tips:

- Give love and warmth as much as possible
- Describe exactly what you want your child to do. Give reasons and make sure you listen to their views.
- Try not to give too many orders. Constantly saying "do this" and "don't do that" can overwhelm a child.
- Calmly repeat what you expect your child to do.
- If a punishment is necessary, then the removal of privileges e.g. screen time, and "time out" where a child is put in a safe space to think about what they have done for a set period of time, normally it is a minute for each year of their life, so if they are 5 it is for 5 minutes.

I hope that this all makes sense but if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me on 0208 310 7311.

Kind regards

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