

BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud that our school is a place where we value and respect each other, care for others, are honest and are trusted. A place where we learn to work together, enjoy achievements, find new friends, feel safe and share ideas and problems.

At Bourne Abbey our aim is to empower all children to make good decisions about their behaviour, and to ensure there is a loving, caring and warm environment in which they can learn and feel part of a family. We see the development of our children as a partnership between home and school, where we work together to ensure all children fulfil their potential.

The concept of 'Take Care' is central to the way we live our lives in school. Integral to this are our very special 3Rs:

- **Respect and take care of ourselves**
- **Respect and take care of others**
- **Respect and take care of our environment and the world in which we live**

At the heart of our belief is that all children are loved by God, are individually unique and that our school has a mission to help each child to flourish in all aspects - physical, academic, social, moral and spiritual.

Our children at Bourne Abbey display high standards of behaviour and treat other people as they would wish to be treated themselves.

To help reinforce this, class teachers across school have shared with the children our updated '3Rs and Good Behaviour Booklet'. Your child will be bringing home a copy of this booklet and we encourage and truly appreciate you taking the time to look at this together to reinforce these positive messages and to further develop our partnership between home and school.

This year we are pleased to be able to fully re-instate our Golden Time reward system in school following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Golden Time is where the children have the opportunity to participate in special activities, such as photography, sport, gardening and coding for 30 minutes on a Friday afternoon.

All children will start each week with 30 minutes of Golden Time with a focus on encouraging children to make good behaviour choices and with consistent consequences for their actions. Disruptive or unhelpful behaviour may result in the loss of Golden Time minutes. The children will receive a clear warning prior to losing minutes. Our school is a safe place to make mistakes and therefore following the loss of Golden Time minutes, the children will have the opportunity to earn them back if they demonstrate positive changes in their behaviour.

Additional positive reinforcement will of course also continue to be given to the children through the use of verbal praise, stickers, certificates and other incentives such as Dojo Points which are collated across school and totals shared with the children. Golden Book assembly is a

wonderful way to celebrate our children's successes and it is a delight to welcome parents/carers into school to share them together.

Our Behaviour and Bullying Policy is available for all parents to read and outlines how we can learn to live together in work and play.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Mr P Bellamy
Head of School