

Friday 5th May 2023

IMPORTANT: Year 5- Behaviour expectations

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Since returning to school after the Easter break, we have been dealing with an increasing number of behaviour incidents with some of our Year 5 pupils. After investigating the incidents, it has become clear that some pupils have not been showing respect towards others in the class and it has become apparent that in some cases this has been happening for some time. This has resulted in pupils becoming upset, which could have an impact on their self esteem and attainment, due to missed learning time.

'Roasting'

Some of the incidents we have dealt with have involved **'roasting'**, where pupils tease or insult each other back and forth (often referring to their families and appearance); this is being done intentionally but often without thinking about how their words can affect others. Pupils sometimes say that this is banter/jokes but it is important to remember that being unkind to/humiliating others in this way is not a joke. This can be seen as bullying behaviour if it happens repeatedly. Therefore, roasting is unacceptable and it has been explained to the pupils that **if they are found to be involved with 'roasting', they will be given an instant red and they may miss their play and lunchtime.**

Online safety

Also, we have reminded our Year 5 pupils about the importance of acting responsibly online. This includes the use of their Google account. **Pupils are NOT allowed to create and share Google slides with others in their class. Their Google school accounts should only be used for assignments/tasks set by their class teacher for classwork or homework (through Google Classroom).**

Pupils must remember the 4Cs:

- Content- what they view online,
- Conduct- how they behave towards others online,
- Contact- who they are speaking to online
- Commercialism- awareness of persuasive tactics/risks.



If pupils are not following the [AUP agreement](#), which they signed at the beginning of the year, their Google account may be suspended and alternative paper copies of homework will need to be given.

Whilst we have been impressed with Year 5's general attitude in school so far this academic year, this recent behaviour is unacceptable. Pupils must show respect and kindness towards others or they will not be allowed to join extracurricular privileges such as sports clubs and tournaments.

In school, Year 5's behaviour will continue to be monitored; if there is a cause for concern, the class teacher, Mrs Dharsani, will contact you to discuss this further. This has been explained to the class today. We expect to see a more mature attitude as they will soon be in Year 6 and the oldest pupils in the school. We know they have great potential to be excellent role models for other children in the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

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