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Updated Behaviour Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share an update to our school behaviour policy. This change brings our daily practices in line with our school vision: **"With God, all things are possible."** We believe every child can thrive and exceed expectations when supported by a positive and ambitious environment.

As part of this update, we are moving away from our previous list of five standard classroom expectations. Instead, we are introducing **"Above and Beyond"** statements. Rather than just asking children to follow basic rules, we are inspiring them to reach their full potential and aim higher in their actions, attitudes, and kindness.

These new statements encourage children to actively live out our three core values every day:

- **Joy:** We celebrate children who bring positivity to our classrooms, lift others up, and find delight in their learning and achievements.
- **Wisdom:** We guide children to make thoughtful, mature choices, demonstrating the insight to think of others and learn from their experiences.
- **Courage:** We praise children who show the bravery to tackle difficult challenges, stand up for what is right, and push past their comfort zones.

By focusing on "above and beyond" behaviour, we create a school culture rooted in growth, grace, and high aspirations. We want to catch our pupils doing extraordinary things and inspire them to see that, with the right mindset, there are no limits to what they can achieve.

Celebrating Success: Rewards

We believe that positive reinforcement brings **joy** to learning. We celebrate students who meet and exceed our high expectations through:

- **Dojo Points:** Earned by demonstrating **joy, wisdom, and courage**. These can be saved up and used for Big Day Rewards.
- **Praise and Communication:** Positive Class Dojo messages, certificates, and badges which celebrate excellence in our three pillars.



- **Celebration Worship:** Held every Friday. One **Student of the Week** from each class is awarded a certificate by the Headteacher alongside certificates for reading and demonstrating our values throughout the week.
- **Subject Awards:** Awarded each half-term to celebrate excellence and determination across all curriculum areas.

Our Three Growing Powers – this will be displayed in every classroom



I look for the wonder in my lessons and the fun in my play.

I celebrate my friends when they do well.

I love to explore outside in our OPAL areas and try new things
in art, music, and sport.

My goal: To be happy and help others feel happy too.



I don't just learn facts; I learn how to be a kind and smart person.

I ask "Big Questions" and listen to the ideas of others.

I use my "Wisdom Tools" (like word banks and computers) to
help me when I'm stuck.

My goal: To use what I know to help the world.



I am brave enough to try something new, even if it's scary.

I know that mistakes are just "brain-growing" moments.

I have the courage to speak up for what is right and protect our
world.

My goal: To keep going, even when things are tricky.



Thank you for your continued partnership as we support our children in reaching these inspiring new goals.

You can find our new policy on our website under Key Information→ Policies→Behaviour Policy.

We will be holding open door days on Thursday 4th June, Thursday 11th June and Friday 19th June if you would like any further information with regards to our policy.

Yours sincerely,

L Grieve

Mrs L Grieve
Headteacher

