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Dear Parents / Carers

## **Behaviour for Learning**

We would like to take this opportunity to review our behaviour system with you. We are very proud of the progress that has been made in recent years regarding behaviour here at West Borough. This has been the result of a number of factors; including introducing a differentiated Behaviour Policy, creating a consistent reward and sanction system used across the school, our coloured slips, and recognising and rewarding children that make the correct choices, by inviting them to our termly Proud of You events.

We are constantly tweaking our behaviour system so that it meets our ever evolving expectations. This is to ensure that behaviour at West Borough continues to move forward, as our aim is for behaviour to become exemplary.

Now that general behaviour is so good, our new focus introduced this term is 'Behaviour for Learning'. This means that we want to improve the children's attitudes towards their learning, and includes all of the possible low level disruptions during learning time such as calling out, not showing good listening, getting out of your seat. Our latest behaviour slips include; low level disruption and unfinished learning. We recognise, however, that the majority of our children consistently demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and remain totally focussed on given tasks. Because of this, we have introduced a 'Golden Star Reward System.'

This new system allows children that are noticed for demonstrating good Behaviour for Learning to be awarded a star on their individual reward card. When a card is filled with golden stars, your child will be recognised for their exemplary Behaviour for Learning and awarded a coloured star pin badge in our Friday Celebration Assembly. As children move through the school, they will have the opportunity to earn up to seven different levels of reward star badges, with a GOLDEN STAR being the ultimate recognition.

We hope this additional reward will motivate all the children to have exemplary Behaviour for Learning, which ultimately will impact on the progress they make.

Please contact your child's class teacher, Miss O'Toole or myself if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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