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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been five weeks since I took up post as Headteacher. It has been a real privilege to get to know the school better and particularly your children. They work hard in lessons and are kind and welcoming.

As you are aware the school has significantly expanded over recent years. We now have some 1560 pupils on site each day. We have a number of different buildings in our campus, some with very small corridors and areas of restricted access. On a busy and constrained site such as ours it is essential that conduct around site in-between lessons and at break and lunchtime is exemplary. Whilst this is the case for the vast majority of our pupils we do have cases where expectations are not met.

I have been very clear with pupils about our expectations and the need to follow the 'Fulford Way'. These expectations are consistently reinforced. The importance of all pupils adhering to our code of conduct is essential and I have shared with pupils our 'Tier System' for sanctioning pupils who choose not to cooperate with these sensible expectations. These can be found on the website in the Policies, forms and documents tab under 'Systems for a Positive Ethos'. The principle behind these is to acknowledge that everyone can make one minor wrong decision but we need to learn from that mistake and be encouraged not to repeat it.

You will be informed of any concerns we have around the behaviour of your child. The really positive news is that for the vast majority of our pupils who do the right thing every day they will not need to engage in this system at all. They consistently do great things.

Thank you for the ongoing support you give your child and the school.

Yours sincerely

Steve Lewis Head Teacher

