



# LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

## **ODD SOCKS DAY - MONDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Next week is 'National Anti-bullying Week' and schools are encouraged to highlight awareness of this. **This year, we are inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November as a means of raising awareness of the start of Anti-Bullying Week.** This campaign, led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, aims to support children in understanding the meaning of respect and that bullying is a behaviour choice. 'Odd Socks Day' is an opportunity to have fun, celebrate differences and discuss core values. (We are not asking for a contribution for this day as we are holding our non-uniform fundraiser for Children in Need on 16<sup>th</sup> November).

Our pupils will be involved in a range of activities which focus on friendships, behaviour and conduct. At our school, our children enjoy socialising and playing with each other during breaks and lunchtimes. Our older pupils mix very well with our younger pupils and give careful consideration to them whilst running and playing games. Occasionally, children may 'fall out' with friends but often these issues are quickly resolved. Within our teaching, through assemblies and during PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons, we cover topics such as 'Getting On and Falling Out' and how to respect other people and their differences. We reiterate that no-one should be called names, be teased, hurt or threatened and for children to say if they are unhappy about anything. The work next week will include looking at aspects of the school's Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct. Teachers will discuss different scenarios with their pupils and invite them to participate in offering solutions to potential problems.

We aim to make all pupils aware of situations which may occur in or out of school, at home or on the internet and to speak to someone they know and trust (parent or teacher) if they have concerns. This complements our continuing work relating to e-safety and the potential risks associated with pupils using the internet and online communication.

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Visitors to our school regularly comment on our children's excellent behaviour, the welcoming ethos which pervades throughout and the exemplary manners displayed by even our youngest pupils.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact me through the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Barnard-Taylor (Mrs)  
Headteacher

