



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

ODD SOCKS DAY - MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 16TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

'National Anti-bullying Week' is fast approaching when schools are encouraged to highlight awareness of bullying and the need to act kindly towards others. **We are inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November as a means of raising awareness 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 celebrate differences and discuss core values.

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. Prior to Covid restrictions, our older pupils mixed very well with our younger pupils on the playground and gave careful consideration to them whilst running and playing games. Occasionally, children may 'fall out' with friends but often these issues are quickly resolved within school. 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 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. Your support in talking to your children about their use of devices for chatting to their friends or playing games with them is important; often friendship issues with our older pupils occur as a result of their online activities.



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

If you have any questions, please contact me through the School Office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs S A Barnard-Taylor
Headteacher

