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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer break. We warmly welcome our students back to school and look forward to working in partnership with parents and carers throughout this year to ensure that your child has many opportunities to be the best version of themselves.

As we begin the new school year, I write with information about an adaptation to our Staged Behaviour Process. In previous years we have used a system of 'credits' and 'debts'. The use of a 'credit' remains unchanged, with a number of weekly awards presented to students with good 'credit' totals. Upon being awarded a 'debit', students were expected to copy out our Code of Conduct. This year D1 (detention 1) will replace a 'debit' (copying our Code of Conduct). Instead a D1 is an opportunity to have a restorative conversation with the teacher to help the student to understand why their behaviour needs to be corrected. This conversation cannot happen during a lesson as other children need to learn and they will be taking their time. D1 will last 10 minutes and will occur at break or lunchtime.

We have also introduced warnings to our Staged Behaviour Process. These will be used to remind students of our expectations and to give them an opportunity to correct their behaviour before incurring any sanctions. If, following two warnings, the student persists in their negative behaviour, a D1 detention will be issued.

We ask that parents support our behaviour expectations by checking Class Charts each day for credits, warnings and detentions in order to have conversations about behaviour with your child at home.

We will provide further detail about our behaviour policy, including information about after-school detentions and 'groundings', in our Parent/Carer bulletin on Friday.

Yours sincerely,

D Ritchie

Mrs Ritchie
Head of School