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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: Respect and Tolerance in our School Community

I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking so many of our pupils for the respect and tolerance they show to each other day-in, day-out, regardless of background, religion, gender, race, or any other characteristic. I am proud of the inclusivity of our school and how our staff and pupils continually rise to the challenge of supporting such a diverse and vibrant community, showing kindness and acceptance without question on so many occasions.

I am, however, disappointed that a small minority of pupils have not recently been demonstrating the Fundamental British Values of respect and tolerance that we uphold in our school (indeed, respect is one of our core school values). This has led to unkind words and acts both at school and in the community, that have had a ripple effect on others.

I am writing to parents as we have today had to address the matter quite directly with some pupils, and have issued serious sanctions for a few in response to aggression and racial slurs which simply will not be tolerated at Risedale. This was following incidents in the community over the Bank Holiday weekend which have spilled over into schools locally.

I wish to make it clear to all members of our community that aggression, discriminatory comments and language are not welcome here and we take these matters very seriously, involving police and other agencies when necessary where these occur. Our lovely community school must be a safe place for all who attend.

I sincerely hope that you as parents/carers will support us with this clear message and discuss this with your children positively at home. We need to come together as a community to ensure we support today's young people to be the respectful, supportive, tolerant and kind adults of tomorrow, and that they understand how to resolve differences calmly and with self-control.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

