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Dear Parents/Carers,

Behaviour at South Borough

We wanted to write to all parents to highlight some clear expectations that we have made to all children today. We have spoken to every single child in the school, in an effort to reinforce our behaviour expectations at South Borough. We have a very clear set of rules and expectations here and expect all children to adhere to these.

We acknowledge that since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, families have without doubt had to deal with a range of different challenges. Children have experienced a turbulent two years due to the pandemic. In school, learning from home, responding to positive cases of Covid, having different teachers due to staff absence - all of these factors have contributed. This is not to mention factors at home that will inevitably play a part towards behaviour in school.

Today we have spoken to children about the following behaviours that we categorically do not accept at South Borough:

- Swearing,
- Fighting,
- Refusing to follow the instructions of adults,
- Bullying.

We are shocked and saddened that some children think these behaviours are OK. They are not. We will actively challenge these behaviours as unacceptable, issue appropriate consequences and take action to support children in correcting their behaviours in the future.

We will be contacting parents, if your child makes the wrong choice. We are asking for parents to support us in our quest to ensure that all children at South Borough follow our high expectations.

How you can help...

- **Please spend some time with your child talking through our Rainbow Rules and reminding them of how to conduct themselves.**
- **If someone is doing something your child does not like, please educate them to use the words 'no' or 'stop', rather than physical intervention.**
- **Please also look at what they are accessing online and ensure they are accessing age appropriate content to avoid inappropriate roleplay.**

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It is also very clear to us that the majority of children always do the right thing and play a massive part in ensuring that South Borough is an exceptional place to learn, socialise with friends and engage in some fun. We are proud of you and the good choices that you make.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter,

Yours sincerely

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