

**Thursday 9th September 2021**

**Welcome Back:**

We are delighted to welcome you all back after the summer holidays. It has been amazing to see all the children enjoying the first few days back together in school. It has been particularly pleasing to see the children play and eat together again for the first time properly since March 2020. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year ahead.

**Relationships Policy:**

Over the summer holiday, Mrs Harvey and I have worked on replacing our previous 'Behaviour Policy', with our new 'Relationships Policy', which focuses on the strengthening of relationships in school in order to facilitate positive behaviour. The new policy focuses on a restorative approach towards managing behaviour and as such, we have abolished the red/yellow card system and replaced some of our existing rewards and sanctions with ones which are more in line with our favoured restorative approach.

We have replaced our 'School Rules' with 3 very simple 'School Values':

Be Ready  
Be Kind  
Be Proud

I have attached the new 'School Values' document to this email for you to look at.

Our focus is on identifying the positive behaviours that we want to see and celebrating this. All classes have introduced 'Recognition Boards', where the class have to work as a team to ensure all names get up on the board, achieving the identified goal that is displayed on the board. Every adult in school also carries 'Praise Cards' on them, which will be handed out, on the spot, to children who are spotted going over and above in any way. All adults are primed to 'catch' children going the extra mile and really embodying our values! The praise cards have replaced Special Mention stickers. We found that children often had to wait a long time until receiving these, and often couldn't relay to parents why they had been awarded. The new praise cards are filled in at the time by the adult and handed to the child immediately, ready to take home that evening.

All staff have been trained in the restorative approach and in how to conduct restorative conversations with children, should their behaviour not be representative of our school values. The restorative approach is outlined in more detail in the policy, which is also attached to this email.

### **Young University:**

I am delighted that we will once again be holding our Young University days this year, where children come together in their house teams, incorporating children from Reception up to Year 6 in each group. In their house teams, children then get to collaborate on a special project together. In the past, these have included making music videos, building moving motor vehicles, pizza making, using iPads to make stop-start animations and such like. The staff are in the process of coming up with the new 'modules' for 2021/22 and as soon as these are finalised, I will let you know!

### **Messages from the School Office:**

If you have any concerns about your child or anything that is happening in school, your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. You can speak informally with the teacher at the end of the day, once all children have been seen out. Please do not do this at the start of the day, as teachers need to take care of the children who have entered the classroom. You can also email any concerns to the school office, for the attention of your child's class teacher. The office email address is: [office@crossleystreet.co.uk](mailto:office@crossleystreet.co.uk)

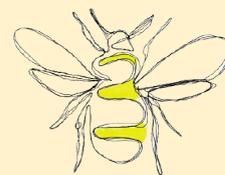
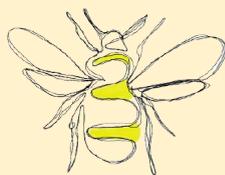
Please don't forget to pre-book your child's dinner, or register their packed lunch, for the following week, by midnight on Sunday before.

All medicine forms and holiday forms can be requested from the office via email and returned electronically. We are hoping to have these available to download from the website very soon, and will notify you when we have.

Please can you notify the office by email if your child is going to be absent from school. It is important that the office is notified before 9.00 am so that the correct code can be put in the register and so that any dinners can be cancelled and refunded.

If you have any slips or forms to return to the office, please send these in with your child, to hand to their class teacher.

Thank you!!



**Mr G Hirst (Headteacher)**