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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SWEARING AND USE OF OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN SCHOOL**

We are noticing a rise in the number of children swearing and using offensive language in school. This is not just an issue with older children – we are seeing an increase in swearing in children as young as 4 and 5.

We know that the vast majority of parents do not want their children using this language – not only is it socially unacceptable and can be a barrier to getting on in later life, it is a public order offence for which you can be arrested.

We are asking for your support in tackling this.

Firstly please **do not swear when on school grounds**; not only can this be offensive to staff and other parents but children will copy what they hear.

Secondly when children swear or use offensive language in school we will send a text home to you letting you know what has happened. If you receive this text please speak to your child about this and remind them that swearing or use of offensive language is not acceptable. Offensive language includes racist, homophobic and misogynistic/sexist language or any other comment that can reasonably be deemed to cause offence.

If you have any questions about this or would like clarification on what is or isn't unacceptable language in school please speak to Louise Oddy or Tracy Mercer.

Many thanks for your continued support

Louise Oddy  
Headteacher