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Dear Parents and Carers

Use of Inappropriate Language

I am writing to share our concern about the increase in swearing, inappropriate language and hand gestures at school this half term. Our Young Governors have also asked for this to be a focus, as they feel this behaviour does not support our school rule that everyone should feel safe. Supporting children to understand the impact of their words is an important part of their development, and we are committed to addressing this.

At Hart Plain Junior School, we aim to create a respectful and positive environment where children feel valued and included. However, we are aware that social media, song lyrics, YouTube, and age-inappropriate TV and films are making swearing and inappropriate language seem more acceptable. This does not reflect the expectations we set in school.

Although we cannot control what children see or hear outside school, we can teach them why such language is not appropriate and how it affects others. We ask for your support in reminding your child that swearing and inappropriate language have no place in school.

To ensure consistency, any use of swearing or inappropriate language will lead to a natural consequence. Children will write a letter of apology and reflect on their choice of words during their next lunchtime. Where needed, they will also receive further support through a coaching plan.

We remain committed to providing a safe, calm and inclusive environment for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children communicate respectfully and make positive choices.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Charlotte Faithfull
Headteacher