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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that there have been several recent incidents of parents using inappropriate and offensive language on the school playground and at classroom doors, both when speaking with other adults and when talking to staff. Unfortunately, this behaviour has taken place within earshot of children.

As you will appreciate, children learn by example. At Hart Plain Junior School, pupils are routinely reminded that swearing is unacceptable, and they are required to write letters of apology should they use inappropriate language in school. It is therefore essential that the adults around them model the standards of behaviour we expect from our pupils. Swearing or offensive language has no place in our school community.

I must also address a particularly concerning incident reported to us today: a parent was overheard making a threat to harm a member of staff, within earshot of pupils. Although the child who reported this did not know the identity of the adult involved, so we have been unable to follow this up, the comment caused them significant worry. Threatening or abusive language of any kind is wholly unacceptable and causes distress to both staff and pupils.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the use of abusive, threatening, or inappropriate language—including swearing—will **not** be tolerated at Hart Plain Junior School.

From this point forward:

- Any parent using language of this nature will receive a **formal warning letter**.
- Repeated incidents may result in a **ban from the school site**.

We are proud of the positive and respectful environment we maintain at our school, and we ask for your full support in ensuring that all members of our community—children, staff, and families—are treated with courtesy and respect.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Faithfull
Headteacher