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Dear Families,

The Newton Road Way

Whilst we must still ensure that we are following government guidance and taking the necessary precautions, it has been lovely to finally begin to be able to invite parents into our school, with Year 2, 4 and 6 parents attending information afternoons regarding their respective assessments. A positive relationship between home and school is essential to enabling children to meet their full potential. Consequently, we would like to share some information with you all, about The Newton Road Way.

At Newton Road we develop children's character through the 'Newton Road Way' curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that as pupils practise these behaviours, over time they become automatic routines that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them.

How does the Newton Road Way work?

At the beginning of a term, children are explicitly taught about our school rules and relentless routines. Research suggests that in order for information to be retained, it must be repeated 9 times! Therefore, this information is repeated throughout the year, in order to make it stick.

What are our school rules?

We have three behaviour rules in school:

Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be Ready
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say please and thank you Hold doors open for adults Talk kindly to other pupils Say good morning/afternoon to adults Accepting responsibility if you make a mistake and saying sorry Tidying up your own workspace and the classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit on our chairs with 4 chair legs on the floor No climbing unless directed at playtime or in a PE lesson. Always listen carefully to adults. To not play games involving physically hurting another child To stay in designated classrooms or playground spaces Being able to be trusted to do the right things that are expected of you without supervision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing the learning mode Listening carefully to the teacher Giving the teacher 100% of your attention Working hard on tasks given Being in the right place at the right time

What are our relentless routines?

Children know that:

We **Dress to impress** and know that school uniform consists of –

- Navy blue round neck sweatshirt or navy-blue cardigan (with or without school logo). Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore dress – **NB** tights must not be worn with shorts. Blue and white gingham dress. Plain white shirt/blouse, white logo polo shirt or plain non-logo polo shirt. Plain white or black or socks or black tights. Plain black shoes or pure black trainers without markings. Black low-heeled boots are permitted in the winter but not in the summer term. Know that all shirts must be tucked in.
- Know that, on health and safety grounds, we do not allow pupils to wear jewellery in school except for earring studs in pierced ears, small objects of religious significance and a watch.
- Know that all jewellery must be removed for PE
- Know that, for on PE days, pupils must come to school wearing their house colour forest t-shirt. Black PE shorts. A dark sweatshirt/hoodie or fleece can also be worn in colder months alongside dark (Black or blue tracksuit bottoms.

We walk around school using **Wonderful Walking**. This means:

- Facing forwards,
- walking at a steady pace,
- in a straight line,
- with hands by your side,
- without talking.

We use Wonderful Walking to keep everyone safe in school and to make sure the learning of other children is not disrupted as people move around school.

We use **Stop Signal** in class. This means that we:

- All raise our hand
- We do not have anything in our hand
- We face forwards, hands together
- Always sit up straight
- Never continue what we are doing
- Track the speaker – using magnet eyes.

We all do Stop Signal to ensure everybody is able to learn without distractions.

We use **Lovely Lines** when lining up in school. This means that:

- Know the order that you always line up in.
- Know who you stand in front of and who is behind you.
- Know that you should line up without leaning against the walls while moving around school.

We use Lovely lines to keep everyone safe in school and to make sure the learning of other children is not disrupted as people move around school.

We use **Terrific Transitions** when moving around the classroom or around school.

- When transitioning from the carpet to the chair know that 1 means stand up, 2 means stand behind the chair, 3 means sit down.
- When transitioning from the chair to line or carpet know that 1 means stand up, 2 means stand behind the chair, 3 means line or carpet

We use Terrific Transitions to keep everyone safe in school and to make sure the learning of other children is not disrupted as people move around school.

We use **Marvellous Manners** when in school

- Always say '**please**' when you are asking for something.
- Always say '**thank you**' when you receive something or someone does something nice for you.
- Always let any waiting adults through a doorway before walking through yourself.
- Always say 'Good morning/afternoon' to adults if spoken to.
- Always show **gratitude** to others by thanking people for what they have done for you.

What happens next?

We will continue to teach The Newton Road Way in school and reward children with forest points and above and beyond notes. PE Days have now been sent out, so we ask that you support us in ensuring your child is ready to learn by wearing the appropriate uniform on the correct days so they 'dress to impress'.

Please also make sure that your child is in school every day and on time and talk to your children about The Newton Road Way, praising them for their efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mr Bosworth
Assistant Principal