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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reminder about Behaviour and Expectations in Year 5.

I am writing to share some important reminders about behaviour and expectations in our school and to ask for your help in supporting us with this.

At school, we encourage all children to follow our ABC's, to be Ambitious, to ensure that children Belong and have Compassion. These values help everyone feel happy, secure, and able to learn.

Recently, we have noticed some behaviour that does not meet these expectations and it is concentrated to our year 5 children. There have been occasions this term where our year 5 children have been unkind or rude to staff and visitors, which is not acceptable. We also saw, during our recent overnight Camp Out at H5, that most children were involved at some point and to some degree in disruptive behaviour or behaviour, which was inconsiderate of their peers or the staff who volunteered their time overnight to make this opportunity possible. This is unusual for our year 5 children and not the standards that we expect or see in our school.

As year 5 prepare for the next stage of their education, it is especially important that they begin to show they are secondary school ready. This means demonstrating independence, taking responsibility for their actions, and consistently showing respect, good manners, and self-control. These are key skills that we will continue to practise next term ahead of year 6 and to support a successful transition to secondary school.

We care very much about all of our children and are here to support them. We keep our school rules simple: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. We would really appreciate your help in reinforcing these important messages at home.

Please take some time over half term to talk to your child about:

- Being **kind** and **respectful** to adults and other children
- Using **good manners**, such as saying "please" and "thank you"
- Making **safe** and sensible choices
- Taking **responsibility for their behaviour** and the impact it has on others in our community as they grow in independence

Mobile Phones and Social Media

We are also seeing an increase in anti sociable and unkind behaviour linked to mobile phone use and social media. We understand that technology plays a big part in children's lives, but it is important it is used safely.

Over half term, we also ask that you:

- Check the **age ratings** of any apps your child is using – you can find out more from our website here: <https://noremarshjuniorschool.org.uk/online-safetly-at-noremarsh/>
- Regularly **look through your child's device**
- Talk to your child about how to use technology **kindly and responsibly**

By working together, we can support our children to make positive choices and develop the skills they need for the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With warmth,

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