



7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Respect

We are very proud of the behaviour and respectful nature of our students; built on a culture we have developed at Stokesley school, combined of course with your good parenting. All of our students get their behaviour right at times and the vast majority of our students get their behaviour right all of the time!

During the first term our school staff awarded 52,024 ambition points to our students, this reflects the positive recognition our students receive every day in school.

Although behaviour is generally very good in Stokesley school, this doesn't mean that we are satisfied with it, there are always improvements that can be made. Our three core values are: **ready**, **respectful** and **ambitious**. I often talk to students about **respect** being the most important of our three core values.

This term we are having a whole school focus on being respectful. We expect all members of the Stokesley school community to be kind, considerate and polite. This week and next, Mrs Millett and Mrs Fox will be delivering assemblies to our students launching the Stokesley school pledge, a pledge written by our staff and students with respect at the very centre.

Our heads of year will follow that up during the week beginning 17th January with an additional assembly focussing on respect and behaviour expectations. We want to ensure that students are absolutely clear in our expectations that they should treat each other and staff with respect at all times. The start of the spring term provides an opportunity for that timely reminder.

The majority of parents who give feedback to us support our high expectations of student behaviour. I ask that you reinforce with your children how important it is that they are respectful to staff and students at all times. If your child fails to adhere to our expectations, we will follow our usual behaviour policy, but you may also receive a short text message to let you know and prompt a further discussion at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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