



## Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is quite a lot to say this week as I wanted to update you on a number of things.

First of all, I wanted to say thank you to you all for abiding by the COVID start and pick-up times, and clearing from the school as soon as you can. This has made such a difference to keep us all safe.

I have included the school's priorities for the year ahead which will make sure that Coaley continues to be a brilliant school. As you can see, we are focusing on 5-main areas and I have listed them in detail. Some are specifically aimed at our response to COVID and any potential lockdown measures we will take. It's going to be an exciting year and we have lots of great things planned, despite the current pandemic predicament.

I have also included below a part of the behaviour policy which received approval by the governors on Monday evening's meeting. Behaviour at school is really good but I wanted to have a consistent approach so that you, your child and the staff are all aware of what is expected and how we reward good behaviour, and what happens if children do not meet our expectations. I have copied a section from the Behaviour policy which should now be on the school website so you can read it in full.

### **Rewards for positive behaviour**

*In order to recognise those children that choose to follow the rules, a system of rewards has been agreed to ensure that as a school we are promoting and rewarding good behaviour at all times.*

*Rewards are as follows:*

- *Children are given individual Dojo points for good behaviour and/or good work on the day. The Dojo system then notifies parents of the award so this can also be celebrated at home.*
- *Children are also given team points and these are celebrated at the Celebration Worship on a Friday.*
- *The Proud Cloud is used as part of the values system where children's names are put on the Proud Cloud as acknowledgement of good work, showing positivity, displaying values and behaviours etc. Proud Cloud Certificates are given out at the end of each week.*
- *Growth Mind-Set certificates are given out each week for a child/ren who show positive attitudes to learning.*
- *Values certificates are given to a child/ren who best demonstrates our value of the week.*

### **Class Behaviour System**

*All pupils start at the same point every day on the 'sunny cloud/green ladder rung'. (OFF TO A GOOD START)*

*For low level disruptive behaviour children will place themselves on 'warning' which is a rainy cloud/orange ladder rung. If the behaviour continues then the child would move to 'a thunder cloud/red ladder rung'.*

*A 'thunder cloud/red ladder rung' is for any inappropriate physical contact with another child. E.g. a hit, or kick etc. As well as disruptive behaviour in class or at play and lunch times.*

**CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR**

*If a child chooses not to follow the school values and rules and displays inconsiderate or inappropriate behaviour staff will initially give a non-verbal sign of disapproval and then a verbal comment, i.e. initial positive comment to others modelling good behaviour.*

*If a child continues to demonstrate unacceptable behaviour, the following procedures will be followed throughout the school:*

*Children will not necessarily follow the stages in a sequence as the sanction will match the child's action and behaviour.*

*All children start the sunny day/green ladder rung – 'Off to a good start'*

- Stage 1: Verbal reminder of unacceptable behaviour. Reminder to use class rules. Reference made to Values display and +ve behaviours and rewards. 3 verbal warnings issued.*
- Stage 2: Children moved onto 'Warning' stage, rainy cloud. Name moved onto warning sign.*
- Stage 3: Thunder cloud stage. Miss a playtime and spend it in the Owls classroom, supervised by either Mr Lucas or Mrs Lowe – Class Teacher to contact parents by Dojo. Child to write a letter of apology to outline poor choices and actions to fix them.*
- Stage 4: Unacceptable behaviour continues within the week. Miss a playtime and lunchtime supervised by either Mrs Lowe or Mr Lucas.*

*At this stage there is likely to be a discussion with parents regarding setting up an individual behaviour plan with our SENCo*

- Stage 5: Exclusion process begins.*

*Once children have served their sanction they go back to sunny/green 'Off to a good start'.*

We have also been looking at what would happen with your child's learning if we have to go into another lockdown, or your child (or their class) has to self-isolate. We have made the decision to use a different online platform as we didn't feel that Teams gave us the flexibility we needed, particularly as we want to give your child feedback on their work. We have decided to use Google classrooms which is aimed at schools to help with remote learning. One of the issues we know, is that all parents will require a Google or Gmail email account to access this. It's fairly simple and doesn't take much time but the benefit of using Google Classrooms far outweighs using Teams. I would like to hold a Zoom meeting for parents next Friday at 2.00pm where I can talk you through our approach. I will send a Zoom link and the policy out via Parent Mail early next week. In this will also be a protocol for all Zoom users to follow.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to see many of you at the Zoom meeting next Friday

Richard Lucas  
Executive Headteacher

**School council**

We have a brand new school council now and they have already had their first meeting. Sam, Scarlett, Oscar M, Freddie, Abbi, Ffion and Esme met this week to talk about what books they would like to buy for the new library. They started to write letters to ask for grants to buy all the lovely books on their wish list. We will keep you updated on what the school council are up to throughout the year.

**Home Achievements**

As mentioned last week in the Headteachers letter we want to know what the children have been doing outside of school so we can celebrate with them. Please post your photos on The Coaley Crew! Page or email them into us. Harry M had a very successful match with his new football team. Harry got himself player of the match! Violet and Jess got their participation medals with their football team, played their first game of the season and Violet was player of the week at training . Well done guys!



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Esme

**Starlings:** Ben, Joseph

**Owls:** Rosa

**Values Certificates: Courage**

**Robins:** Daniel

**Starlings:** Violet

**Owls:** Jamie

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Beatrix for growing into her new class and always joining in with a big smile and enthusiasm

**Starlings:** Lewis for not giving up with Timestable Rockstars

**Owls:** Molly for your determination and hard work in guided reading

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**We Respect**

**We Belong**