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Dear parent/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! What a great day it has been with lots of smart children and beaming smiles. Thank you so much for trying to keep to the times allocated to your child for drop off and collection today. I am sure we will settle into a pattern as the week goes on and have less congestion around the gate.

We are all very much looking forward to another great year and have lots of exciting new developments ahead of us. We are hoping that we will see the return of some of our much loved school events such as the Reading Picnic, The Great Newchurch Bake Off and Bring a Loved One to Lunch to name a few.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the staff came together for a staff INSET day which looked at safeguarding but also gave us the opportunity to review our school mission statement and the procedures and rules we have in school. Our school mission statement is:

***Newchurch will give every child a flying start by working in partnership with parents, staff and the community to develop well-rounded citizens who will contribute in a positive way to society.***

As part of this, there are a few changes that we have started to implement today which will impact on the children's pastoral as well as their academic learning.

## Rules

We wanted just three rules which the children could easily recall and would help them in their future lives. As you can appreciate, whittling all our ideas down to just three was difficult. These are the three we agreed on:

- Try your best
- Make good choices
- Be a good listener

In today's assembly, we worked with the children to explore what these look like in different contexts e.g. in the classroom, when transitioning around school, during playtimes and also at lunchtimes.



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## Visible Consistencies

Following lots of research on helping children to transition into new classes and also support behaviour for learning going forward, we have agreed on some visible consistencies across school. These include:

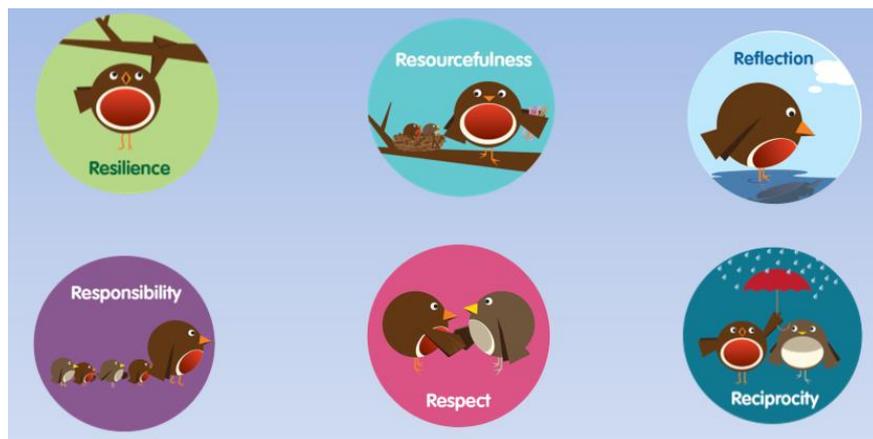
- Meeting and greeting the children in the morning
- Legendary Lines – smart walking around school
- Good manners – courtesy and good table manners
- Communicating well
- Looking smart - correct uniform and shirts tucked in
- Responding to 'High 5' – a strategy used for getting children's attention to allow an adult to give instructions

Consistency is the key to this and we are working hard to ensure that there are no in-school variations on expectations around these rules and visible consistencies both with the adults and the children.

## Rewards

We have also reviewed our reward systems to acknowledge different aspects of our mission statement. We now have the following:

- **Hands** – children who stand out for demonstrating one of our core values will receive a hand to place on the rainbow in the school hall. The hand explains why the child has received the recognition.
- **House points** – the children can receive house points for demonstrating any of the core values throughout the day. The core values are:



- **Above and beyond** – this award is for children who do something over and above. This could be helping someone out, organising games or activities for others, or anything which demonstrates that they make a positive contribution to society.
- **Celebration certificate** – this award focuses on the children's achievement across any area of the curriculum.
- **Attendance awards** - the class with the best attendance will hold the attendance trophy for the week and receive either a gold (for 100% attendance) or a silver (for the highest attendance) trophy on the attendance board in school. The class with the most points at the end of the year will receive a special treat.
- Children will receive TTRockstar and Reading Plus certificates as usual.



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## Reading

At Newchurch reading is given high importance, especially the nurturing of a love of reading. As it is the start of the school year, we will be benchmarking the children across school to ensure they start at the right level of reading. We would like to ask that you read or share a book with your child at least three times a week and sign your child's reading record.

## Homework

Homework will start next week (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September). This week, KS2 should focus on Reading Plus and all children can access their TTRockstar accounts.

## Dates for your diary

Please see attached to the end of this letter a diary of dates for events in school scheduled in school so far. All being well it is hoped that they all will go ahead as planned.

Here is to another fantastic year at Newchurch and may we take the opportunity to thank you for your continued and valued support.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Jayne Narraway*

Headteacher



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Date	Event	Class involved
6.9.2021	School Opens	
23.9.2021	Reading Picnic in aid of Macmillan	All classes staggered throughout the day
23.9.2021	PTA AGM	All parents welcome
4-8.10.2021	Arete residential	Year 6
22.10.2021	School Closes	
1.11.2021	School Opens	
18.11.2021	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5
19.11.2021	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6
22.11.2021	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception
23.11.2021	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1
24.11.2021	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2
25.11.2021	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3
26.11.2021	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4
2.12.2021	KS1 Dress Rehearsal (pm)	KS1 classes
3.12.2021 @ 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes
6.12.2021 @ 9:30am	KS1 Christmas Play	KS1 classes
10.12.2021	KS2 Dress Rehearsal	KS2 classes
13.12.2021 @ 1:30pm and 6pm	KS2 Christmas Play	KS2 classes
16.12.2021	Christmas dinner, jumper and party day	All classes
17.12.2021 @ 2pm	Christmas assembly	All classes
17.12.2021	School Closes	
5.1.2022	School Opens	
18.2.2022	School Closes	
28.2.2022	School Opens	

Date	Event	Class involved
7.3.2022	Reception Parental Conferences	Reception
8.3.2022	Year 2 Parental Conferences	Year 2
9.3.2022	Year 3 Parental Conferences	Year 3
10.3.2022	Year 4 Parental Conferences	Year 4
11.3.2022	Year 5 Parental Conferences	Year 5
14.3.2022	Year 6 Parental Conferences	Year 6
15.3.2022	Year 1 Parental Conferences	Year 1
25.3.2022 @ 2pm	Thank you service	All classes
7.4.2022	School Closes	
19.4.2022	School Opens	
19.4.2022	Easter Eggstravaganza	All classes
20-22.4.2022	Kingswood residential	Year 4
9-13.5.2022	KS2 SATS week	Year 6
16-20.5.2022	KS1 SATS week	Year 2
27.5.2022	School Closes	
13.6.2022	School Opens	
13.6.2022	Multiplication Checks	Year 4
7-8.7.2022	Burwardsley residential	Year 2
11.7.2022	Reports sent home	
18.7.2022	KS1 Sports Day	KS1 classes
19.7.2022	KS2 Sports Day	KS2 classes
20.7.2022 @ 9:30am	Year 6 Production	Year 6
20.7.2022 @ 5:30pm	Year 6 Production and award ceremony	Year 6
21.7.2022	School Closes	



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