

12th November 2018



Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to an information evening to learn more about the Behaviour Policy that we are introducing at West Moors Middle School. The meeting will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 20th November at 6:30pm**. Refreshments will be provided.

This year, we are going through a shift in the way behaviour is promoted at school. Our practice focuses on a therapeutic approach where behaviour is taught in a prosocial way, positive praise puts an emphasis on those showing strong values and good learning attitudes whereas poor behavioural choices are dealt with through Educational Consequences, whereby staff will work individually with the children to improve their future actions.

Under the new Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance 2018, the Department for Education has highlighted the use of reasonable force as a means to safeguard children, alongside positive and proactive behaviour support practices. We therefore have adjusted our procedures accordingly.

We will be sharing the school's use of de-escalation techniques for difficult situations and the training we have undertaken regarding positive handling for any potentially dangerous safeguarding situations.

Positive Handling is not a discipline that will be used regularly - it will be limited to emergency situations and used only as a last resort, once all other techniques have been exhausted; however, it is vital that our staff have a clear understanding of the techniques and relevant staff members are fully trained.

I would like to invite you to join us to hear more about our Behaviour Policy, to ask questions and to offer feedback. Please return the attached slip below if you wish to attend so that we have an indication of numbers.

Your support, commitment and collaboration in constantly striving to improve our school community is invaluable; I therefore look forward to welcoming you on the 20th of November.

Yours faithfully

J Rielly
Headteacher

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Name..... **Signature**.....

Number of people attending.....

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