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Dear Parent/Carer

I'd like to thank you all for your support during the first two weeks of term. The school term has started well and the young people are enjoying the improved facilities, opportunities and freedoms that they have this year. After 19 months of restrictions it is good to see them once again enjoying a normal school experience. We hope that this continues throughout the year.

I would like to ask for all of your support in helping us to re-establish some of the behaviours that we need our young people to demonstrate. We pride ourselves on the exemplary behaviour of our students, it is one of the key reasons why our school is so popular amongst parents and members of the local community. It has been noticeable that some of our students have forgotten how to address school staff. School staff should be addressed as 'sir' or 'miss' or by their full name, for instance Mr Corbett. This is crucial as it allows a formal mark of respect between students and staff. Too many students are forgetting this and forgetting to use good manners when they speak to others. These are crucial life skills and allow them to be successful when they eventually leave us.

It has also been noticeable that some of our young people have forgotten how to follow simple, reasonable instructions quickly and without argument. The school is lucky to have an excellent, well qualified and experienced staff body; they are fully committed to ensuring the best possible education for our young people. Our staff shouldn't have to spend their time (and indeed tax payers money) having to repeat, persuade and argue with students to follow basic instructions. We will be applying the 'first time, every time' rule, where unless there is an exceptionally good reason, all instructions should be followed quickly and without argument.

I am sure you all agree that the most important thing for our young people is that they receive an excellent education and that they leave us understanding how to behave and how to succeed. Following instructions and basic good manners are crucial to their success. You have always supported me, and our school continues to go from strength to strength. Please support us by discussing the importance of good manners and behaviour at home and support us when we apply the sanctions to improve student behaviour. The expression, 'look after the little things and the big things take care of themselves' is very true in secondary schools; I'd like to thank you in advance for your help in addressing these most important 'little things'.

Yours sincerely



**Mr B Corbett**  
Headteacher