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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to share with you the outcomes of our recent inset day which focused on a review of behaviour and core values at our school. The entire staff team were involved in this review and we want to stress that behaviour is not a serious concern, however we felt that there was scope for us to bring clarity and uniformity to the behaviour principles and systems in use in school.

The Golden Rules



At the heart of our work, the Golden Rules emerged. Our **Golden Rules** are the rules by which we want to live our lives at school. They also show us how to be with each other at school, when representing the school at events or out in the community. You can see them below.

At Billingshurst we want to make sure all our children are happy and secure in an environment that promotes good behaviour and the Golden Rules are a key part of this.



With a large staff team, it was important for us to develop guidelines to ensure a shared understanding of these changes and how they are to be implemented. Once the guidelines have been reviewed after a short period of implementation, they will be shared with parents as part of an overall policy review.

The Golden Rules will be launched to the children in assemblies on Monday and followed up in class sessions. They will also be displayed around school in due course.

We hope you will agree that these six simple statements will be easily understood by all our children and help to establish a strong and positive culture in the school. We feel certain that following the assemblies on Monday your children will be keen to talk about the Golden Rules and what they mean to them.

Merits and house points

There will be a phased transition from us using merits and house points to just using house points which will be given for both positive behaviour and learning. Any pupils who are nearly at the point of reaching their merit award (bronze, silver or gold) will have the chance to complete that award before they move over to house points. House points and merits are of equal value.

We are also thinking of other changes to the rewards on offer to pupils in school and will write to you with further details in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend,



Brian Ball
Interim Headteacher

