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Dear Parents,

As you are aware, this year we have launched Class Dojo as a tool to further enhance our communication with you. Furthermore, Class Dojo will also be used to support our behaviour system in school, where we have made a few improvements. As such, I thought this would be a good opportunity to revisit our behaviour system with you.

Good to be Green

Good to be Green is the basis of our behaviour system in school. Please see attached fliers for an overview of how the system works. The 'Good to be Green' flier provides a guide to the system and the 'Accepted and Declined Behaviour' flier provides the escalation and de-escalation process for positive (accepted) and negative (declined) behaviour. To support our younger children, we run a simplified version of Good to be Green in Early Years.

Class Dojo

I am hoping that you all now have access to your child's new class on Dojo. I believe that this will be a positive way for teachers to be able to provide overviews of your children's learning and share messages and reminders, and for parents to drop messages to teachers. Please be advised that teachers are unlikely to be able to access Dojo when they are teaching, so all important messages need to be communicated by calling the school office, who will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to contact you should this be necessary. All absences should be called into the school office. If you need to inform us of a change in arrangements as to who is collecting your child, this must be done through the school office and not on Dojo as there is no guarantee that your child's class teacher will see this on Dojo before the end of the school day.

Teachers will endeavour to check Dojo after school each day and respond to messages if required. Messages received after 5pm are unlikely to be responded to until the following day. Any significant concerns, such as friendship issues, bullying or general concerns should be raised via the school office by asking the relevant member of staff to call you back.

We reserve the right to remove parent/carers access to Dojo should this platform not be used appropriately.

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House Points

House points have always been part of Woodthorne's behaviour policies. This year, we want to revamp how we use them and the emphasis that children put on them to want to be the best they can be. We have changed the houses to bring them in line with our core values.

The new house groups are as follows:

- House of Courage
- House of Ambition
- House of Respect
- House of Excellence

Your children (and the staff) have each been allocated to a house. House points will be awarded via dojo and these will be tallied each week by the house captains. During celebration assembly, the children will find out each week which house has the most points. We have also introduced individual milestones for the children to achieve over each academic year.

They are:

- Bronze – 50 house points
- Silver – 150 house points
- Gold – 300 house points
- Platinum - 500 house points

Celebration Assemblies

At the end of each week on a Friday afternoon, each Key Stage will come together to celebrate all of the achievements in the week. Alongside our usual celebrations of learner of the week and core values award, we will also celebrate house points and attendance. We are pleased to announce that this year, we are able to open our doors back up to parents. If your child has received an award in the week, then you will receive a text message inviting you to the assembly on Friday afternoon. This will be sent to you on a Wednesday.

Attendance

As stated in previous correspondence, we are having a big drive on attendance and punctuality this year. Each week, classes will be competing to see who has the best attendance collectively. Each class gets the chance to win one of two Attendance Teds for the week. We hope that this will support parents getting their children to school each day.

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Lastly, just before we broke up for the Summer Holidays, the DFE launched a document that set out advice for schools regarding behaviour. We have amended our policy in accordance with the guidelines and I have attached the Behaviour System Policy, which will explain everything in much more detail. Please note that there may be areas in here that some parents may find a little sensitive in nature. Please rest assured that we have followed national guidelines in putting this policy together.

If you should have any questions or queries, then please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

T.Hinkley
Headteacher