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Behaviour Policy Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Old Sarum Primary School, we are continually reviewing our practice to ensure that our approach to behaviour reflects our values and supports all children to thrive. We are therefore pleased to share some exciting updates to our Behaviour Policy.

I am delighted to share that we have continued to make positive progress with behaviour across the school since returning in September. I know that this is an area that many parents are keen to receive updates on, and I am pleased to report that behaviour continues to improve.

Over the past few months, we have been working closely with the Local Authority to further develop our behaviour systems and practices. We are very encouraged by the positive impact this work is having. Across the school, children are demonstrating greater independence, showing respect towards one another, and engaging positively with their learning. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils have embraced our high expectations and contributed to the calm, purposeful atmosphere that visitors frequently comment upon.

We hope that you have noticed these improvements too.

As we continue our journey of improvement, our next area of focus is behaviour during breaktimes and lunchtimes. We are currently reviewing our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision and exploring how we can further enhance play opportunities and social experiences for our children.

We would greatly welcome any suggestions, ideas or recommendations from parents and carers. To support this work, behaviour at breaktimes and lunchtimes, along with the development of our OPAL provision, will be the focus of this term's Parent Forum, which will take place at **4:30pm on Monday 16th November**. We hope you

will be able to join us and share your views as we continue to work together to provide the very best experience for our children.

Our New School Rules

We have simplified our school rules. Our three core expectations are now:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Ready**
- **Be Safe**

These simple and memorable rules will help to create consistency across the school and ensure that all children understand exactly what is expected of them in every area of school life. They underpin our commitment to creating a positive, inclusive and nurturing environment where every child can learn and succeed.

Introducing Our New House System

As you know, our pupils recently voted for our new house names:

🔴 Dragon
🟢 Griffin
🔵 Phoenix
🟡 Pegasus

To strengthen our sense of community and teamwork, we are introducing **House Points**, which will replace our previous positive points system. Children will be awarded house points for demonstrating our school values, showing excellent behaviour, working hard, helping others and making positive contributions to school life. Each week, we will celebrate and announce our **winning house**, and house totals will be displayed around the school so that children can see how their team is progressing throughout the year.

Working Towards House Rewards

House points will contribute towards whole-house rewards. We want these rewards to be meaningful, fun and focused on creating positive memories for our pupils. Examples of rewards may include:

- Non-school uniform days
- Additional break time
- Extra sports or outdoor activities
- Film afternoons
- Special themed activities

The house system is designed to encourage teamwork, responsibility and pride, with every point earned contributing towards a collective success. We hope this will further strengthen the sense of belonging that children feel within our school community and encourage them to work together towards shared goals.

Looking Ahead

These developments form part of our wider commitment to creating a school culture where children feel safe, valued and motivated to succeed. By combining clear expectations, teamwork and opportunities to celebrate success, we hope to further strengthen the positive culture at Old Sarum Primary School.

We are excited to see our children embrace their new houses, work together towards shared goals and continue to demonstrate the values that make our school community so special.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year to help every child to **Be Respectful, Be Ready and Be Safe**.

Kind regards,

Polly Bailey

Headteacher

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