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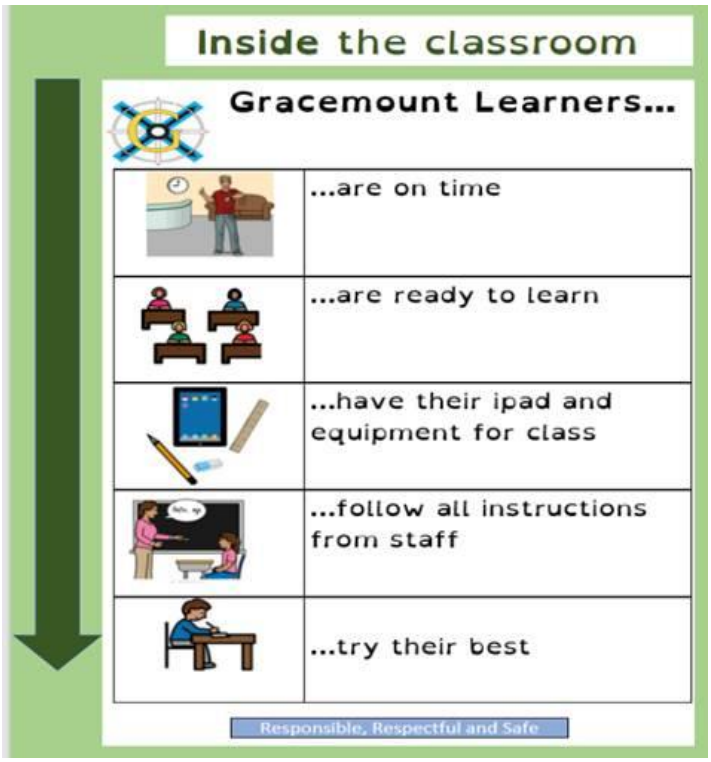
Dear Parents/Carers,

Head Teacher Update (3) – Session 2024/25

This month, a slightly different HT update with a key focus on behaviours/expectation in class that link to our school values of Responsible, Respectful, Safe.

We are determined to create a positive and purposeful learning environment where young people can translate our values into behaviour in our school. Next week at assemblies and during class time we will be taking the time to go over these with all our pupils. Please see below



Being on Time:
Ensuring your child arrives at school on time sets a positive tone for the day. Within school, we also emphasize punctuality in class attendance. We use a demerit system for late arrivals, and we will contact you if your child is late to class five or more times within a week.

Ready to Learn:
Being ready to learn involves your child settling into their assigned seat and focusing on the lesson. Nearly all classes start with a starter task or a daily review, which are vital for supporting cognitive function and promoting better long-term memory.

Equipment:
While the school provides jotters and other learning materials, it's important for your child to bring a fully charged iPad, as most lessons incorporate digital tools that greatly enhance learning.

Following Instructions:
Following instructions fosters a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment. We expect all students to follow reasonable instructions and take responsibility for their behaviour.

Trying Their Best:
We have high expectations for our students and encourage all of them to put forth their best effort. Learning new things is challenging, and consistent effort is essential for becoming a successful learner.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could reinforce these behaviours and expectations at home. Your support strengthens our message and helps make our school an even better place for learning.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We welcome compliments and are happy to support you in addressing any concerns or complaints.

Kind regards,
Ross Hunter
Head Teacher

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