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Exciting development: Peer Mediation

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, we will be introducing a peer mediation programme in our school.

What is peer mediation?

Peer Mediation has been around for many years and with more schools now using a restorative approach, peer mediators are becoming increasingly popular. Peer Mediation is a voluntary process, whereby trained mediators work in pairs to help resolve the minor conflicts of their peers.

There will be twenty-four children who will be selected from Years 4-6 to become peer mediators. To become a peer mediator, children will need to complete an application form which will be submitted to Mr Lewis-Cole. If successful, they will be invited to come to an interview with Mr Lewis-Cole and Miss Cusack. Next, Mr Lewis-Cole and Miss Cusack will select the children who will embark on the training programme to become peer mediators (delivered by an external partner).

This is a fantastic opportunity for children in our school to develop their skills as leaders and to illustrate our school values.

We have spent time researching the different programmes which would be available to our school and have decided upon Behaviour Matters. Behaviour Matters was founded with a vision to help parents, carers and teachers develop their skills to manage children's behaviour in an encouraging and respectful manner and, by doing so, promote positive relationships in schools and at home. Becky and Leanne have been working with parents and school staff for over fourteen years. They are both also trained and qualified to deliver a range of parenting courses. Using their background knowledge, together with the experience gained from working with hundreds of families over the years, they have developed and written a range of courses for Behaviour Matters. They also work with a number of Local Authorities delivering training to staff, as well as providing a consultancy service.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cusack

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