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*Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.*

## **READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter our second month in our new temporary school accommodation, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been so overwhelmingly supportive of the staff in school. We hope you can appreciate that we're all continuing to find the best ways to work and settle into our new school home.

Nevertheless, we have been made aware of some recent comments being made on various parental WhatsApp groups. It appears that a small number of parents still disagree with us enforcing the pre-existing no large school bag policy. We respectfully remind you that this policy has been in place for a number of years but has not been rigorously enforced until now.

Whilst we appreciate that not all parents may agree with the policy, discussing taking frustrations out on staff is completely inappropriate. We respectfully request that parents do not embarrass our teaching or office staff by continuing to voice their displeasure at this policy, particularly during the upcoming curriculum meetings or parents' meetings.

If you disagree with the enforcement of the bag policy and wish to register your objection at being provided with a school financed book bag, you should send your thoughts into school in writing for the attention of the school governors. They will be raised and reviewed at the next local governing body meeting.

We would both like to reassure you all that the vast majority of our parents continue to work with staff to positively support their children's learning. When you visit school, in the coming weeks, and see the teaching and learning facilities in the new building, we are sure that you will agree that the staff have gone to a great deal of effort to make the learning spaces as attractive and engaging as possible.

We all continue to work to ensure your children reach their potential and we look forward to continuing to work positively with you all in this endeavour.

Yours faithfully,

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