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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Safer Workplace and Neighbourhoods

I hope this letter finds you well.

There have been a number of incidents of verbal abuse towards members of staff by parents and students in recent weeks which is very concerning. Meadowhead School is a welcoming school and we will act to ensure it remains a safe place for students, staff and all members of our community. If parents/carers have concerns, we will always listen and seek to address them but we will not tolerate abusive and aggressive behaviour towards staff whether in person, online or on the phone.

We Make A Difference

All incidents of aggressive behaviour on the school site are reported to the Police and in the worst cases it may lead to criminal proceedings under the Public Order Act. Please note that offences contrary to the Public Order Act 1986 relate to threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour both in person and online.

Equally, students who are abusive towards staff will be issued with a serious sanction and in these cases, we hope that parents are able to support the school to secure improvements in their behaviour to avoid exclusion.

We host a Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting every 6-8 weeks which is led by the police and involves housing, social care, primary school headteachers and key community leaders. All professionals work together to create a safer neighbourhood for our families. Anti-social behaviour in the community is always a high priority and all agencies are keen to address problem areas and households in the neighbourhood. If you are worried about something in your neighbourhood and would like the NAG to address an issue please email your concerns to the following email address NAG@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

We want all our students to achieve their full potential at the school to improve their life chances in the future. With this in mind, we will always seek to involve external agencies if we believe a higher level of support than what the school can provide is needed to improve a young person's behaviour. It is important to remember that the vast majority of our students are great ambassadors for our school and are making a real difference to our school community.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and I look forward to sharing further school developments and plans in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

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