



# St Peter's C of E Primary School

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Our school values: Respect • Peace • Joy • Love • Trust • Hope

## A letter from Mrs Bahlol (Headteacher) and Father Andrew (Rector & Vice-Chair of Governors)

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been extremely disappointed to witness two examples of parents fighting verbally with one another near the school premises, and in one case parents having to be physically restrained. It is extremely rare for us to have this kind of tension between grown-ups in our school community, and that makes it even more shocking. It is not the St Peter's way, and is not acceptable.

We both want to make it absolutely clear that any violent behaviour (whether physical or not) is completely unacceptable. Our school values and our Christian ethos forbid it. As adults, we are role models to our own children, and also to other children in and out of school. Children learn by copying. What grown-ups do, children copy!

However, we all make mistakes, and sometimes pressures and other things going on in life can mean that people who are usually peaceful and committed members of our community can behave out of character. We have spoken to parents involved in these incidents to be clear that this kind of behaviour is not acceptable, so that we can all move forward as one school community.

In our Home / School Agreement, parents and carers have agreed to 'Support the school rules and expectations' and to 'make a positive contribution to the life of the school.' Our two new school rules were sent out in February: '**At St Peter's we live out respect.**' and '**At St Peter's, we always do our best.**' Our Behaviour Policy says that **parents and carers must: behave in a correct manner on or about the school premises and to be a good role model.** Please remember these rules carefully – they are for all of us! So let's keep things as calm and happy as they usually are.

We want to ask everyone to treat each other with respect, and also with 'charity' – what does that mean? Someone once said that we judge ourselves by our intentions, but we judge other people by what they do. Charity means thinking the best of other people and giving each other a break, being patient. As Jesus said, 'Treat others just as you want to be treated.' (Contemporary English Version of the Bible: St Luke, Chapter 6, verse 31) Or, 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' in the old translation.

In Ephesians (4:1-3) St Paul says, "I therefore urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This is what we aspire to.

You are always welcome to come and speak to us if you have any concerns so we can help support the children and families of St Peter's. We look forward to your full commitment and cooperation moving forward. Have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing everyone for our last week before the holidays!

With every blessing,

Anne-Marie Bahlol (Head Teacher)

Father Andrew Moughtin -Mumby (Vice-Chair of Governors)