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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just one thing to discuss with you this week – parental conduct.

Over the last few days I have been approached by several parents, upset or horrified by the inappropriate language and content of very loudly held discussions on the school run, particularly whilst waiting by the large gates for them to open. Sadly, this is not a one-off occasion, and this problem has been growing.

When I am outside and I hear adults (or children) swearing, I will always challenge this and give a polite reminder about language. In all of our families and households, we will have different standards of what we deem to be acceptable. However, on the school grounds, which start at the bottom gate from Rhode Lane and include the driveway, I remind you that swearing and any inappropriate language or discussions should be completely avoided. It is not appropriate for children to be listening to this in any context but certainly not whilst coming in and out of school, and there are many adults who also find topics such as graphic sex or violence talk to be uncomfortable.

This is also a sentiment echoed by the staff who have reported at least four incidents of parents swearing whilst talking to them on the playgrounds during drop off or pick up just this week. This is completely unacceptable for our children and other parents to hear, and for our members of staff in their workplace. Would you think it appropriate if a member of staff used swear words in front of your children?

Whilst you are on the school grounds, please ensure that your language is appropriate, and any conversations that you are having that ought to remain private, are held quietly so they do remain private.

Can I also remind you that “No Smoking” on our school site, includes Vaping. It may not specifically say this on our signage, but Vaping is not permitted anywhere on site, including on the driveway.

I am hoping that this letter will be the last time I have to discuss this matter, and there will be no need to take any further steps. Please refer to the Parents code of conduct on the school website for further information.

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher