



# THE MINSTER SCHOOLS

**THE NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL**

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**THE MINSTER JUNIOR SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to say thank you to all of you who always bring any concerns to the school via the school office or your child's class teacher in the first instance rather than taking 'matters' into your own hands. We really appreciate all of you for this.

It really saddens me to say that we have had a number of occasions this academic year where a small minority of parents have:

- shouted at and threatened children on their way to school and even on the school site

Shouting at and threatening children is child abuse in safeguarding terms and ***will not be tolerated in school or in the school community.***

If parents shout and threaten children on the school site they will be barred from coming on site for the rest of the child's education at our school. You will have to make any arrangements for meetings via the school office email or telephone and collect your child/ren from the school office.

If we are made aware that our children have been shouted at or threatened on their way to school or on the way home, the victim's parents will be notified. When we make the parent aware we will be advising them to report the abuse to the police.

When the police come on site to investigate, they will have our full cooperation in sharing the perpetrators details for safeguarding reasons.

It really saddens me to say that we have also had a number of occasions this academic year where a small minority of parents have:

- shouted at teaching staff, office staff and Senior Leaders either on the phone or face to face

Our staff all work incredibly hard in the interests of the progress and well being of every Minster child. They are not paid to take verbal abuse from parents and carers and this behaviour ***will not be tolerated.***

We are blessed to have a staff team of outstanding calibre and they deserve to be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. The last thing we want is to lose our excellent teachers due to a small minority of parents behaving inappropriately.

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We simply ask therefore that all parents live out our vision 'Let all that you do be done in Love' (1 Corinthians 16:14). We ask that when feeling upset or angry that you remember to use what is probably the most important of the the Fruit of the Spirit which is self control. (Galatians 5:22-23).

We ask that all adults in the school community act as role models for our children.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Best wishes

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