



## Maltby Redwood Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 4 Learning Expectations and Classroom Behaviours

As we progress through the school year, we want to ensure that every child in Year 4 has the best opportunity to thrive academically and socially. To support this, we are focusing on key behaviours that foster a positive and effective learning environment. We would like to share some important reminders and expectations regarding classroom routines and behaviours. Your support at home is essential in reinforcing these expectations.

#### Appropriate Use of Toilets

We encourage all children to use the toilet during break and lunch times to minimise disruptions to lessons. While we understand that occasional emergencies arise, frequent or non-essential toilet use during class time can interrupt learning for both the individual and their peers. Please discuss with your child the importance of managing their needs during allocated times and remind them to let us know if there are any medical or specific concerns we should be aware of.

#### Requests for Water During Lessons

Staying hydrated is important for children's well-being and focus. However, we have noticed that some children are using water breaks as a way to distract themselves from learning tasks. To address this, we are encouraging children to have a sip of water during transitions between activities or at appropriate moments in the lesson. Please ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle each day and understands when it is suitable to use it.

#### Establishing Year 4 Learning Behaviours

In Year 4, we aim to develop age-appropriate learning behaviours that include:

- **Focusing on tasks:** Completing work to the best of their ability without becoming distracted.
- **Active listening:** Paying attention to instructions and contributions from teachers and peers.
- **Respecting others:** Using kind words and actions and recognising the importance of not interrupting others.
- **Taking responsibility:** Organising their belongings, managing time effectively, and approaching challenges with a growth mindset.

We are working with the children to build these habits and would appreciate your encouragement at home. Simple practices such as discussing what they learned each day, praising their efforts, and setting up routines for organising school materials can make a big difference.



## **How You Can Support Us**

Your partnership is vital in reinforcing these behaviours. Please:

- Speak with your child about the importance of minimising disruptions during lessons.
- Encourage them to use break times effectively for their personal needs.
- Model positive behaviours at home, such as active listening and focusing on tasks.

We would also like to remind you of our open-door policy. If you have any concerns or questions, we encourage you to speak with us directly. Recently, we have become aware that some issues have been discussed in parent WhatsApp groups. While we understand the value of peer support, it is often more productive to address these matters with the school to ensure clear communication and appropriate resolutions.

If you have any concerns or feel that your child needs additional support in these areas, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can ensure that Year 4 is a successful and enjoyable year for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Berry  
**Principal**