



## Silsden Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to all of you who contribute in a positive way to help make our school great, support what we are trying to do and follow the rules! We know we don't always get things 100% right, however parents know that when there are genuine issues and problems, that my door is always open and we will do what we can to reassure you.

Unfortunately, I have to write this letter to you all following yesterday's events. There have been two incidents of inappropriate behaviour involving parents and grandparents on the school site.

The first occurred during drop off where a grandparent, who was being spoken to about parking in the disabled bay, without a blue badge, and was being reminded of the allocated parking areas, decided refuse to listen and made derogatory remarks toward Mr Hollingsworth about the worthiness of his job. They then decided to flick their V's at him as they drove off.

The second involved two parents arguing with each other about their children falling out. The language used involved the threat of physical assault and involved the F word. This was heard by not only by the children of the adults involved, but other children and parents who were leaving at the end of the day.

Can I be quite clear with you that both of these incidents are not acceptable. People driving onto the school site shall follow the rules that we stipulate and staff should not be faced with such behaviour when undertaking the role that I deploy them to do.

Similarly, any issues between parents and their children should be discussed in private in the school building, away from others, and in a manner that does not cause offence. If this can not be done in such a way then they should not be discussed at school at all.

The school site should, and will be, a safe, inclusive happy place, where everyone feels welcome. It will be managed by clear rules set out by the school. If any further incidents such as these set out above occur, I will not hesitate to support my staff and other parents by formally imposing restrictions on access to the school premises for a period of time for those parents and other visitors, who are in breach of our rules.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Yours faithfully

K.S.Russell

Headteacher