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Dear parents/carers

Thank you to the large number of parents who came along to meet Stewart Brennan - Chair of the ALT Board and project sponsor for the redevelopment project - and me last week. Your contributions to the discussion were very useful and, as suggested, we will keep you up-to-date with developments on the project.

I mentioned during the discussion that we continue to be concerned by the behaviour of a minority of students who disrupt learning and who show scant regard for reasonable expectations in terms of basic courtesy, respect and school rules. I would emphasise that the vast majority of students are good-humoured, polite, respectful and hard-working. It is also the case that the vast majority of parents are supportive of the staff and senior leaders who are committed to building on the improvements already made by Mrs Rahn and her team.

A clear priority for the trust is to address the block to further improvement that persistent poor behaviour presents. To this end we shall be introducing a new behaviour management system after half term, based on that currently in operation at one of our other ALT schools. You will shortly receive a copy of the revised policy so that you are all fully aware of the ways in which good behaviour is to be rewarded and unacceptable behaviour will be dealt with fairly and consistently. There will be no exceptions and we seek the full support of *all* parents.

In order to ensure that the implementation of the new policy is successful, we are planning staff training for the afternoon of **Friday 25th October**. Students will be permitted to leave at **1.25pm** and the school buses will leave at **1.30pm**. If you have a problem with this early closure for students, the school will, of course, provide supervised activities until the normal school closure time. Please do contact your child's year head if you want your child to remain in school for the afternoon.

Yours sincerely



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