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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to update you about some important work our school is undertaking. We are proud to be supporting student voice in a range of different ways, so together we can grow even closer as a community. Some of the opportunities for student voice are listed below:

- Student council members working with Senior Leadership and Personal Development teams
- Mental Health Ambassadors supporting with mental well-being
- A number of our students working with Citizens UK on Community Action Projects
- Our School Prefect team
- Sports Leaders supporting in primary at lunchtimes
- Students working on the Be Her Lead Programme
- Student Diversity and Inclusion working group

We are holding a number of assemblies in which we will be re-issuing advice and guidance to students on how to use their voice in a safe, respectful and kind way; we know that you will support us in this important work. We are clear that voice should be used to create harmony, not discord. We are also giving crucial guidance on the use of social media, which is being used unkindly by a minority of students (please see enclosed letter sent in the Autumn Term). The guidance will include important 'do's and 'don'ts', as follows:

- As an academy, we do not tolerate any form of prejudice, shared verbally or in writing
- Language used must be polite, respectful and kind, at all times
- We do not tolerate the use of any offensive language by members of our academy
- Students need to follow our school values and code of conduct at all times
- Students need to know and use the correct channels to report any concerns; these are to go through form tutor, head of year or member of the senior leadership team

It is important that we work together to ensure that our students follow the correct channels and behave appropriately, so that any matters causing concern do not escalate and can be dealt with sensitively by those with expertise.

Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Kind regards,



Ms E McSorley
Principal