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# Together We Can Achieve Excellence

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The following document has been written by the pupils and staff at Newton Burgoland Primary School on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want our school to be a fantastic place to be. Some of you and some of the pupils have expressed concerns about the behaviour of a few pupils who spoil it for the rest of us. This week the children have all worked together to draw up the following list of rights, rules and responsibilities for every pupil at Newton Burgoland Primary school. We have also drawn up an agreed set of rewards and consequences.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end of term when I hope to be presenting the first of our bronze and perhaps silver awards.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. S Ward Head Teacher

### **Rights**

At Newton Burgoland Primary School you have the right:

- To get on with your work and play
- To be yourself and proud of your achievements
- To be treated fairly and with consideration
- To express your views and know you will be listened to
- To feel happy, safe and confident
- To have clean and tidy surroundings
- To tell a member of staff if someone or something is causing you problems

### **Responsibilities and Rules**

At Newton Burgoland primary School we:

- Smile and have fun
- Always participate and try our best in all activities
- Put up our hands if we want to speak and never shout out
- Tell the truth
- Show good manners
- Listen carefully when other people are speaking and do as we are told by adults the first time
- Cooperate and work well together
- Respect property
- Walk in school
- Don't distract other people from their learning
- Have kind hands, feet and words
- Follow the internet safety code

In addition at playtimes we:

- Try to include everyone
- Are friendly
- Play fair
- Play safe in our areas
- Look after the environment
- Never fight, not even play fighting
- Look after equipment and put it away properly
- Follow the Wraggs yard equipment rules
- Do not cross the safety line or go behind the shed
- Don't tell tales but we report bad behaviour
- Stop at the first whistle and walk silently into line on the second whistle

And in assembly we:

- Are respectful to the assembly leader and to others
- Show our respectfulness by listening and thinking
- Join in
- Sit sensibly
- Enter and leave the hall in silence

#### <u>Rewards</u>

At Newton Burgoland Primary school good behaviour, good learning and kindness is recognised and rewarded:

All adults can award merits and all pupils may recommend other pupils for a merit for

- Kindness
- Care and consideration
- A job well done
- Good progress
- Good work
- Bravery
- Service to the school

Adults will give pupils merit cards which may be exchanged for a merit sticker. These are collected on individual pupil cards.

50 merits= a bronze award 100 merits= a silver award 200 merits= a gold award 300 merits= a platinum award.

Awards will be presented in an assembly to which parents will be invited.

Each class will keep a treasure chest of prizes for pupils achieving awards.

The pupil in each year group with the most merits will receive the head teachers' award. This will be presented in an assembly to which parents are invited.

#### **Consequences**

At Newton Burgoland primary School we believe that everyone should be able to make mistakes, apologise and start again.

Each session of the school day represents a chance to start again.

#### Sessions:

- 1. Before play and assembly
- 2. Morning playtime
- 3. Between playtime and lunchtime
- 4. Lunchtime
- 5. From lunchtime to home time

If you make a mistake in a session you will be given a warning card. If you make another mistake in the same session you will receive a red card. Further mistakes will result in more red cards.

### In any session:

- One red card: 5 minutes time out
- Two red cards: lose 10 minutes of playtime
- Three red cards: spend the rest of the session in another class and miss the next playtime or lunchtime.

### <u>In any day:</u>

Four red cards: You will see Mrs. Ward and a behaviour letter will be sent to your parents. You will miss two playtimes.

## <u>In a Week:</u>

More than 3 sessions missed in another class: Your parents will be asked to make an appointment to see Mrs. Ward and your class teacher.

## <u>In a 4 week period:</u>

More than 1 set of 4 red cards: Your parents will be asked to make an appointment to see Mrs. Ward and your class teacher.

More than 6 sessions missed in another class: Your parents will be asked to make an appointment to see Mrs. Ward and your class teacher.

We would very much welcome feedback now and at parents' evenings. These are your children's ideas and we want them to be successful in making our school great.