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Dear parents and carers,

We are incredibly proud of our school and all of your children who come here. They are the ones that make Dereham Junior Academy the wonderful place it is and a joy for us adults to work in.

We have nearly 400 pupils in our school and each of those children are here for nearly six and a half hours every day. That's an incredible amount of time that we all spend together. We are very fortunate and are pleased to share with you that for the vast majority of the time, your children behave excellently; they work hard, are a joy to teach, are great to be with and talk to.

Schools of our size in the primary phase are quite rare and having nearly 400 children in one place means that there will occasionally be something that goes wrong. They are children after all! However, this letter is really to reassure you that these events are very few in number. In fact, they are so unusual that when they do happen, they stand out! We work very hard to make sure that if things do go wrong, we help children learn from this through logical consequences and restorative conversations which are both proven ways of making behaviour even better.

If you can spare a few moments to have a look through our behaviour policy which is on our website, you will see that we are a school that does its utmost to highlight and promote positive behaviour and learning. Hopefully, many of you will have received a 'Positive Postcard' through the post; many of you view our 'Learner of the Week' videos on the website and we celebrate great behaviour throughout the day with the use of 'Recognition Boards' – ask your children about them.

Things are still very different in school and we completely appreciate that, because of the measures we have to put in place in order to be COVID safe, you may feel a little more removed from school than usual. In fact, after looking through last year's calendar, if things had been 'normal' this school year, you would have been invited to join us for one activity or another on five separate occasions by now...and that's before we even begin our Christmas celebrations! We just wanted to let you know that we are still here though. Please contact us if you need to speak to us and we will do our best to help.

Lastly, I would like to remind you about some of the points on Mrs Scott's newsletter from Monday 30th November. We will always try and get back to you as soon as we can, but that won't always be very quickly as we may be teaching or in meetings (there are a lot of them!). If you do need to contact someone, the best way is to message using MyEd or email the office in the first instance. If your enquiry cannot be resolved through either of these means, we will arrange for the class teacher to respond. If you feel the enquiry is still not resolved, the Year Leader will become available and then Mr Dack or Mrs Scott. Someone will help.

All that is left to say, is that we hope you and your children enjoy a lovely end to the term and have a fantastic Christmas when it arrives. Hopefully 2021 will be a good year and we will see you all in person very soon.

Best wishes

Mr Dack