

18th March 2019

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

At this time of year, children in year 6 can often become quite understandably, anxious. This can be caused by worries over SATs, the prospect of leaving Colindale and making the transition to their new school. This anxiety can show itself in different ways and sometimes, in ways which are undesirable.

I am very proud of the behaviour of the children at Colindale; as I am sure you are too. In every year group, children work and play together collaboratively. They are helpful, supportive and respectful of each other. Visitors who come to Colindale are always commenting on this. However, last week this was not the case in year 6. We had an incident where two children were bullied; I am sure you can imagine the negative emotion that this has caused them and others within the year group. It may of course be the result of the anxiety that some pupils are feeling, but such bullying, for whatever reason, is unacceptable.

On Friday I spoke to all year 6 classes in turn and reminded them of our behaviour expectations, of our Rainbow values and the Unicef Rights of the child, which we follow. I said that there is zero tolerance on bullying and that if children are concerned about what they hear, they must tell their teacher.

I would appreciate your support in this matter and when at home reinforce this message with your children and remind them of how they should behave towards each other – respectfully and with kindness. Please also remind them that if they are anxious about anything to let us know, so we can support them.

Yours sincerely

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