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Dear Parents,

We have high expectations of our pupils' attitudes and behaviour. These are reinforced through our school behaviour policy, which is supported by a clear system of praise and rewards and of warnings and sanctions. In response to parent feedback (e.g. on the recent questionnaire) we trialled a new strategy to further promote positive attitudes in Year 6 last year and this was very successful, with many parents praising this system as it had a significant impact on the children's learning and behaviour in and outside of school. We would like to do the same for our Year 3 class as this was very successful last year!

One of the most important lessons our children must learn here at St. Mark's is how to communicate confidently and effectively, show respect for others regardless of their differences and respond appropriately to situations that arise. It is a primary aim of our school, that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well.

From Tuesday 22nd October 2019 we are going to introduce the 'positive attitude strategy' to promote positive behaviour and attitude among our Year 3 children. Every child in Year 3 will receive a passport of stamps (20 in total) but there will be a chance for children to earn more stamps through showing a positive attitude towards others and their own learning. Stamps will be lost if children choose not to show respect to others or to make poor behaviour choices. (It will be the Year 3 children who decide what appropriate behaviour is and what signs of respect and disrespect look like in school so that they can take ownership of their own behaviour and attitude.)

We hope you will support us and encourage your child to maintain and earn more stamps in their passport book. For every 5 stamps the children lose, there will be an appropriate consequence and we will involve the children in a discussion about appropriate consequences because we want our Year 3 children to take responsibility for their behaviour and attitude. In the same way, the children will also be involved in discussions about rewards for maintaining and earning more stamps as I know there are many children who always use good manners, are polite and respectful and these children will be rewarded for their good behaviour.

If you wish to discuss any of the above with me, please come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D. Linley
 Headteacher

