

15<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents &amp; Guardians

## Character Pledges

### Three pledges. Three ways to make a difference.

This year, we are introducing a new approach to our Character Pledges. Rather than working towards Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, children will be encouraged to complete three themed pledges: **GROW, CARE and GIVE**. These focus on developing personal skills, making a positive difference to others and supporting causes that matter to them.



The three pledges can be completed **in any order and at any point throughout the school year**, allowing children to work towards them in ways that reflect their individual interests, strengths and experiences.

The pledges are:

### GROW

Developing yourself, trying something new and/or persevering for a specific achievement.

This could be demonstrated by sharing news of achievements within a new hobby (e.g., certificates, awards, belts achieved, concerts or shows performed in) attendance at key events or sharing pictures of a new skill conquered.

**This demonstrates – courage, determination, perseverance, patience, effort and conscientiousness!**

Linked UNICEF articles

- Article 15 Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.
- Article 31- Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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### □ CARE

Helping others and making a meaningful difference in your community.

We don't mean just taking your neighbour's bin in one week, but really trying to make a difference! This can be as part of an organised event or scheme or regularly helping a friend, relative or neighbour.

**This demonstrates – kindness, patience, respect, compassion and generosity!**

Linked UNICEF articles

- Article 29- Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

### GIVE

Giving your time, money or effort to support a charity you care about.

This could be a national or local charity. You could save up your pocket money or take part in a sponsored event. Anything to make a difference!

**This demonstrates – kindness, patience, respect, compassion and generosity!**

Linked UNICEF articles

- Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

Each time your child completes a pledge, please share their achievements with their class teacher. Once the teacher agrees that the pledge criteria have been met, this will be celebrated in assembly.

We are incredibly proud of the wonderful, kind, compassionate and creative children we have here at Whitby Heath Primary School. We love celebrating this in school through Dojos and we really hope that parents and carers will continue to share all the ways that your children impress at home too.

Many Thanks,

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