



21st October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back

I hope you have all had an enjoyable October break. It is lovely to welcome all of the children back to school for what will be another exciting and busy term.

Heriot Values

Last term we consulted with pupils, staff and parents to review and develop our school values. The response from parents was fantastic, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time at the last parents' evening to complete the survey. Pupils, parents and school staff were asked to select their top three values from an extensive list of options. It was lovely to chat with parents about the values that are most important to them.

Pupils have also completed tasks in class that have developed their own understanding of values, as well as being provided opportunities to discuss the importance of identifying shared values in school.

The survey results collated from pupils, staff and parents were overwhelmingly in favour of the following values: **Family, Honesty, Respect and Kindness**. Identifying these shared values sets the foundations for a positive and nurturing school ethos in Heriot Primary. These values will be referred to regularly by staff in school, as well as being the focus at weekly assemblies. Please support us to embed these values in school life, by discussing them with your child/ren at home.

Anti-Bullying Policy Implementation

We will continue to work in partnership with Brian Donnelly to ensure our Anti-Bullying Policy is implemented effectively, reflecting local and national anti-bullying policy guidelines. Heriot's Anti-Bullying Policy is available on our website, and reflects our updated school values.

If you have any questions regarding our Values or our Anti-Bullying Policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Alternatively, Brian Donnelly is also available for further support and may be contacted via our school office.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Scollen
Depute Head Teacher