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To the Ks2 children,

We have had to reinforce expectations around the role of older children on the playground. This is to keep you safe. Some children have interpreted this as not being able to talk to older or younger siblings at playtime. This is NOT the case. This is to clarify the decisions that have been made.

- 1) You CAN talk to and spend time with children not in your class when you are on the playground (you cannot move to ks1 playground).
- 2) You CAN play with children in other classes (as long as this doesn't involve any contact)
- 3) You CANNOT arm wrestle, play fight or make physical contact with ANY child on the playground.
- 4) Children can cross the river, running basketball kingball etc with children in other classes- however they cannot make physical contact AT ALL as younger children are getting hurt by older children as they are faster/stronger.
- 5) It is the teachers and adults job to solve problems on the playground. It is not up to older children to try to solve the problem as this has resulted in behaviour where younger children feel worried about what the older children are going to 'do to them'. If a younger child tells you something they are upset about, please take it to an adult on the playground.
- 6) Until the end of term the hut has been designated to the year 6 only. This is their privilege to hold onto.
- 7) The playroom is for all children, as is the rest of the playground. Only the hut and football pitch are designated to year groups.
- 8) We have spoken specifically to year 6 to say that if they cannot give the other year groups space to play then they may have to have their play at a different time. For now, they are out on the playground with ks2 and will work hard to be role models to others.
- 9) We think it is sensible to play in your year groups but we do not want children to feel they cannot maintain positive healthy relationships with children in other classes.
- 10) If we feel that key children are struggling with the expectations above we will speak to parents.

Thank you all for your understanding on this. We want the playground to be a safe and positive place for everyone.