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Dear Parents / Guardians,

In an effort to promote a positive social experience for all at breaktimes we will be implementing a behaviour modification programme on our Junior Yard (i.e. Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class) from Monday 12th October. This programme will mainly consist of positive consequences for good choices, however, there will be a negative, age appropriate consequence for poor choices. To this end, the teacher or SNA on duty will log any incident that occurs during breaktime (either on the yard or in the classroom on wet days). Mrs Hart will monitor this and hold a supervised time-out from yard session across SMALL BREAK (10 minutes) on WEDNESDSAYS and FRIDAYS as necessary.

If your child is to be kept in for small break on one of these days, you will receive a letter from Mrs Hart stating this and an explanation will be given as to what he was responsible for, for example:

- Deliberately hitting, pushing, kicking or hurting another child
- Using bad language / inappropriate language
- Continually disrupting and spoiling playtime for other children
- Refusing to co-operate with the teacher or SNA on yard duty
- Being disrespectful toward the teacher or SNA on yard duty
- Unsafe and dangerous play

You will be asked to sign, date and return a slip at the bottom of the letter confirming that you have talked to your child about the importance of friendships and making good choices.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter,

M.Murray

Principal