



Tameside Metropolitan Borough

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have noticed over the last few months, that incidents on the playground, that have been dealt with either by teachers or midday supervisors are being discussed over different messaging applications.

Please can we remind you that the correct way to deal with any issues that you would like to raise regarding your own children should be in the first instance with your child's teacher in school and not with other parents.

In our behaviour policy, available on the website, it states that we all play a vital role in modelling good behaviour:

'Children can learn through the models of behaviour they are shown by adults and peers around them. All adult members of the community will endeavour to teach desirable social behaviour and good manners to children within their care and be appropriate role models for them'.

Children are increasingly coming into school and divulging information about conversations between parents and what they have discussed and sometimes this is other children! May we remind you that this kind of information may be sensitive, and you may be putting yourself at risk of libel. Under common law, to constitute **defamation**, a claim must generally be false and must have been made to someone other than the person **defamed**. Some common law jurisdictions also distinguish between spoken **defamation**, called slander, and **defamation** in other media such as printed words or images, called libel.

Please rest assured that all matters brought to a member of staff by children, are dealt with in the correct manner following our school procedures. It is essential that parents/carers who have concerns come into school in the first instance so we can deal with these matters in the correct manner and the truthful picture is reflected.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Scattergood