



Havelock Infant & Junior Schools

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Friendships

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been dealing with a number of friendship issues between some of the Year 6 children, whilst we are aware that falling out and making friends is a natural part of growing up we are concerned that this is now affecting your children's wellbeing and in turn their education.

As a result, we have spent time talking to a number of children in order to enable them to move forward in a productive and positive way which will support them as they come across the same problems in adulthood. We know that you will support us to ensure your children are physically and mentally healthy and would kindly request that as and when such matters arise, as is inevitable, you discuss with your child the importance of maintaining relationships in a healthy way. This may include encouraging them to widen their friendship groups, interact with other groups of friends, treat each other with respect whether you are close friends or not – just as we do as adults. We are also aware that this can spill over into social media conversations and this can fuel misunderstanding and miscommunications. The simple rule is 'if you can't say anything nice don't say anything at all', this should of course apply face to face as well as online. It will help if you can model this behaviour with your own groups of friends and acquaintances so the children learn from your good example.

We have spoken to all Year 6 children at their weekly meeting about our expectations of friendships both in school and online and appreciate your support.

Kind regards,

Ann Davey
Executive Head Teacher

Jenny Allen
Deputy Head

Year 6 Team

Vision

Havelock Schools: unlocking the door to lifelong learning; a place where everyone is inspired to reach their full potential