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Dear Parent/carer

We believe every child has the right to be safe at school. We provide learning environments that foster good behaviour and respect for your children and those around them.

Fortunately, most students attending public schools in Western Australia are able to learn in safe and supportive environments. At times, though, some students can be physically aggressive. This is never acceptable as it can cause psychological and physical harm to those involved, as well as disruption to teaching and learning.

The State Government has released a Statement to address violence in schools. It sets out 10 actions to help school staff, families and communities work together on this complex issue. Programs and resources will be available for parents to support their children and where appropriate parents and staff will work closely to ensure their children maintain positive behaviour at school. A copy of the Statement is available on the Department's website at education was edu.au.

It is important to understand that these changes focus on students who have intentionally been physically aggressive towards others. Students with a disability who either cannot manage their behaviour or do not intend to harm others are not the target of this plan.

As parents, you also play a vital role. Your children benefit from you modelling and rewarding positive behaviour. I look forward to your ongoing support to keep our school a safe place for all.

Yours sincerely

Cathy de Thierry

Principal