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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. I trust you had a restful and pleasant holiday and are refreshed and ready for the new term; I know we certainly are – as always, there is plenty to look forward to coming up. Watch our bulletins for key diary dates.

With a new year comes new resolutions and new changes and here at Grazebrook we are certainly no different! The big change you will notice this term is that our behaviour system 'Stay on Green' and our School Standards have evolved in to something more closely linked to our curriculum and our core values as a school.

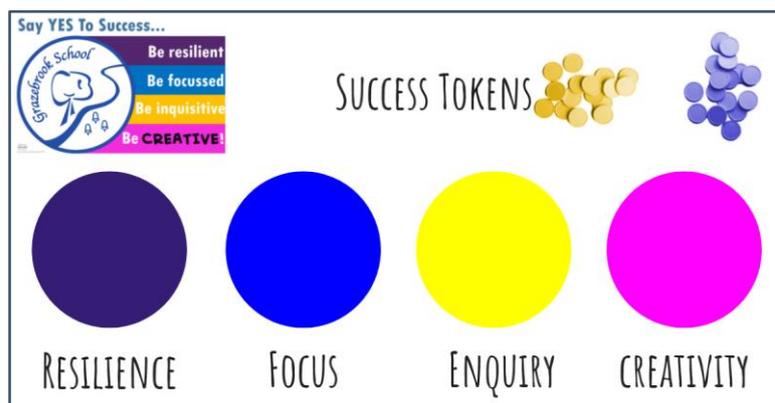
We know at Grazebrook our children are brilliantly behaved; it is one of the many things any visitors congratulate us on. Although our behaviour is excellent, we wanted to move towards a system that was learning focussed and encourages and recognises the excellent learning behaviours we see daily around our school. The staff from across all three schools have worked closely to create our new system, and it is firmly rooted in research and links strongly to our curriculum aims and our passion for curiosity and imagination.

That doesn't mean that our old standards don't apply, of course we still expect our pupils to be safe, kind and responsible but we have come so far that those standards are now a given and we can look to more aspirational, learning related aims.

Our new standards encourage children to say 'Yes to Success' and are centred on behaviours for learning. They are to be: Resilient, Focussed, Inquisitive and Creative.



Children will earn tokens towards a class reward for all the times our success standards are displayed – we know with our remarkable children, it will not take long! Class rewards may include a trip to Clissold Park, a mini-sports day, a movie afternoon or other exciting activities. This approach encourages collaboration and joint responsibility for learning behaviours.





Instead of Stay on Green, we are now asking our children to show they are always 'Ready to Learn' and demonstrating those fabulous learning behaviours. Children who are not able to show learning behaviours will have some time to 'Stop and Think' At this point the children can change their behaviours and will return to 'Ready to Learn'. If necessary, or for more serious behaviour there will be a 'Home Contact' option when children will complete a Consequence Question Sheet. If this occurs, a member of staff will always

contact home to inform you of what has happened. In addition, you will be sent a letter about their behaviour and will receive a document written by your child. All incidents of poor learning behaviours are recorded. Children who continually fail to demonstrate our high expectations may not be permitted to take part in school outings or in any 'Success Rewards'. This has also been explained to the children.

I am sure you will all agree that our new Success Standards are appropriate and engaging. The children have spent time in their classrooms today discussing how they can display these learning behaviours and how this will support them in class and in the school playground. I am sure the children will be buzzing with excitement about our new initiative and will be looking forward to telling you all about it.

Later in the term we will be hosting parent coffee mornings to share with you in more detail what this looks like in practice. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2018,

Jess Hutchison
Headteacher