HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mr D.Pearman

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3,

We are delighted to write to you regarding an exciting initiative at Hillside Primary School.

Our *Hillside Values in Practice (VIPs)* programme provides pupils with opportunities to demonstrate how they apply our core values across all aspects of their lives. Through the VIPs, children are encouraged to try new experiences, develop confidence, and strengthen their character. The challenges within the programme are closely linked to Hillside's Values Wheel, which promotes: **Resilience, Independence, Collaboration, Respect, and Learning**.

Within each section there is a range of tasks for pupils to complete. This will take place across the year and are not designed to be completed all at once, they will be spread out across the year.

In the Autumn term, children will work towards their **Bronze** certificate and badge. In the Spring term they will have the opportunity to work towards their **Silver** certificate and badge. Finally, in the Summer term they can work towards their **Gold** certificate and badge. The Bronze award can be completed at any point of the year.

Once completed they can get these signed off (one achievement from each value) by the class teacher in order to achieve milestones. These are as follows:

- If a pupil completes **5 tasks** they will receive a **Bronze** certificate and badge, given by their class teacher
- If a pupil completes **10 tasks** they will receive a **Silver** certificate and badge, awarded by their Headteacher
- If a pupil completes **15 tasks** they will receive a **Gold** certificate and badge, awarded by the Chair of Governors

In order to get tasks signed off, we will ask the pupils to bring evidence to show the teacher on Fridays so their evidence can be reviewed and challenges ticked off. Evidence may include photographs, certificates, posters or written notes.

Through these goals the hope is that all children understand how values help our learning, attitudes, behaviour and relationships and how values can be taken into all aspects of our lives and experiences. We aim to encourage children to become healthy, happy and active citizens. They are designed to be achievable, but also to develop their skills and confidence. Whilst we encourage parents and carers to support their child in completing some of the tasks, we want the children to complete each task for themselves. There will also be opportunities in lessons to complete some of the tasks outlined.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the incredible things that your child will get involved in this year. Your child will be bringing home a checklist stuck in their Home Learning Journal today. VIP will be launched next week.

If you have any questions about the VIP please contact: Mr Newling-Ward.

Kind regards,

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