



Acting Headteacher:

Mrs H West

17th January 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reflective Teaching

I would like to inform you of a new development in school that we will be using to further improve the quality of our teaching. This follows on from our recent INSET training with Andy Hind “How a good professional becomes great”. Staff will be reflecting on their own teaching by videoing themselves teaching parts of lessons or using a voice recording. By way of an example, it may be that teachers would like to reflect on the first or last 10 minutes of a lesson, particularly looking for the type of questioning they are using and whether this is at a higher level (requiring children to think more deeply about their answers). This all fits in very well with our vision of “Learning to Think and Thinking to Learn”.

To this end, teachers will periodically choose to record a particular part of a lesson to reflect on their own teaching. This will purely be for our own use in school as part of our professional development and improving the way we teach. Children should not be aware that this is happening as it will be done unobtrusively through a class laptop, to ensure that the children will not be distracted by anyone holding a video camera.

My purpose of writing to you now is to keep you informed of new developments in school. I believe that this will be a very powerful tool that teachers will use to reflect on their teaching, which must ultimately improve the way we teach and benefit our children’s learning.

Although the purpose is to video the teacher, obviously in a working classroom children will be heard or briefly seen in these videos, please complete the form attached and return it to school by the end of January, if you don’t want your child to be filmed.

If you would like any further information, please talk to me in the playground or alternatively, if you would like a private discussion, please make an appointment to see me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. West

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'HWest'.

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Videoing Lessons – for Reflective Teaching

Name of Child:..... Class:

I would NOT like my child involved in any part of a lesson that is videoed.

Name of Parent/Carer:

Signature:..... Date:.....