## A MESSAGE FROM MRS JOHNSON

On Friday, I spoke to all children in assembly and reminded them of our expectations in school:

- To be kind to all, differences aside
- To work hard
- To behave well

I would ask that whenever adults are on our school site, or around our children, that they too uphold our school expectations. It is our responsibility to demonstrate and model this behaviour to all children.

Our school has made many significant strides forward, with one vision – that children attending our school will receive a better deal than if they were to attend any other school.

This is the case for educational outcomes too. We want our children to leave our school with exam results that will equip them for future success. KS3 children are currently completing PPEs and conducting themselves in an exemplary manner.

Year 11 children continue to prepare for their summer exams. These are only 12 weeks away. This year, we want to achieve the best results the school has ever had – the children deserve it. Staff are busy preparing them by giving up their time before and after school. Please do encourage Year 11 children to attend these.

Above all, please continue to encourage all children to attend every day. At EGS, when children attend well, they achieve well.

Thank you as always for supporting us, as we strive to be the very best.



## Safeguarding - Critical incident practice

Last week in safeguarding, we completed staff and pupil training on protecting children from harm with specific reference to online radicalisation.

Pupils have received an assembly on the way extremist groups can coerce, manipulate and radicalise them into extremist views and how to protect themselves from this.

We have used the Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Hamas wars as examples, as these conflicts have triggered an increase in online hate and radicalisation amongst young people in the UK.

We are proud and celebrate the diversity of our school and uphold the school value of equality and mutual respect and tolerance of all cultures and faiths.

This week, pupils will be trained in what to do should a critical incident occur in the local community or on the school site.

Critical incident practise is something which we do regularly with our pupils and consists of evacuation or lockdown practices. We have already practised evacuation drills and will be practising the lockdown drill the week beginning 29th January.