

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parents,

April 2nd, 2015

It saddens me to report a **drastic increase in aggressive behaviour** of many of our students in the Primary Department towards their fellow students. During the past two weeks alone, and despite daily reminders to our students, we have had to deal with numerous **serious incidents**, ranging from using stationery as weapons, to fist-fights and kicking, all resulting in serious injuries to those involved.

We have now adopted a **zero-tolerance** policy towards **any** student showing **any** signs of aggression, or behaving in any way that could result in aggressive retaliation, whether it is using bad language, bullying or **physically hurting** any student.

Any student found guilty of such behaviour, will immediately be withdrawn from class, **their parents phoned to collect them**, and will **not be allowed to return to school the following day**. This may also **negatively affect their chances of being allowed to register at The Oxford Academy next year**.

I appeal to all parents to urgently sit your child/ren down, and to explain to them the consequences of their actions. It is also important to inform them that students who **fight back** are **as guilty** as those who started the incident. It is better to walk away and to report aggressive behaviour to the nearest teacher.

I wish to conclude by quoting directly from the Ministry of Interior's latest radio campaign on child behaviour: **"Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their own children"**

We thank you for your continued support and co-operation, and trust that you will regard this issue with the equal urgency in which it was written.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Marius Visser (Head of Primary)

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I, _____, parent / guardian of _____ in Yr. _____,
herby acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 2nd April, 2015 regarding Aggressive Behaviour at school.

(Parent Signature)_____
(Date)_____
(Emergency Contact Number)**Please return this reply slip to the class teacher by April 5th, 2015**