



## **Bonneygrove Primary School**

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Dear Parents / Carers

### **Re: Posts and Comments on 'Spotted in Cheshunt'**

Firstly, thank you to all of the parents/carers and the wider school community for advising me of the posts on the above website. The positive comments you have emailed regarding the school and the children at Bonneygrove Primary School have been greatly appreciated.

The post from 'anonymous' and subsequent negative comments about our school community (made by some of our parents/carers) have saddened our whole school community. In the post and comments, 'anonymous' has vilified some of our families without knowing what they have endured, their circumstances and most of all, the persecution and threats they have received.

Whilst I firmly believe in freedom of speech, I also advocate for ensuring that people (especially adults) make informed and researched choices, which is not the case with 'anonymous'. As a Headteacher and an educator – it is heart breaking to know that people of this ilk can still comment on situations they have no concept of nor the capacity to grasp what humanity is. My team and the wider school community have found these comments bigoted, racist, and insensitive to some of our school family members.

Within our school, our children are taught many values, including Resilience - Honesty - Ambition - Creativity - Kindness and Inclusion, ideals that many people who left negative comments on the post should research and fully understand what these values mean.

Our fantastic school community comprises lovely families of all races, religions, cultures, and ethnicities, making us unique here at Bonneygrove Primary School. Our children have the privilege of learning from and learning about other faiths, respecting the differences, and celebrating the similarities - which is fantastic.

I have a staff team whose heritage spans the globe. As a Headteacher, I am proud that all of my staff bring knowledge and experiences of places around the world that can be passed on to the children – allowing our pupils to learn about other countries and how they fit in with the rest the world.

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We are and will always be a school that gives every child every opportunity to grow, learn and succeed. The children at Bonneygrove Primary School will always be the main focus. They will always be at the forefront of everything we do – no matter where they are housed, what language they speak, their ethnicity or their religious beliefs.

Some information for ‘anonymous’, over the last two years, we have supported many families with school uniforms, food banks, electricity tokens, gas cards, school trip support, Christmas hampers and much more. We did this to ensure our families know our school community cares for and appreciates them.

I believe we all have a lot to be thankful for, and for me as a Headteacher, I will leave ‘anonymous’ with this thought: *‘Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive’* (Dalai Lama).

I hope that I have written this letter as eloquently as ‘anonymous’ – hoping that its content will resonate and stir their conscience in thinking before posting.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr Craig Hamilton  
Headteacher