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Dear families

As we approach the warmer weather, I need to remind students about their conduct with regards to water. Today we have had several unfortunate incidents involving thrown water bottles and the spraying of water at each other. This behaviour is very disappointing; we will be issuing an immediate correction of 90 minutes if students choose to display this style of negative behaviour. To make this worse at the end of day a small number of students sprayed water on the main path, this splashed parents and primary children who were being collected. As you can imagine I do not tolerate this type of conduct and those identified will be sanctioned accordingly.

From Monday we will be discussing this conduct with all year groups in the hope that this does not happen again. Just to be clear:

- Water is provided for drinking only
- Water pistols are not allowed in school
- Students are not to make holes in bottles to squirt at each other
- Any student using water inappropriately will be given a suitable sanction and have their water bottle removed

This has provided an opportunity for us to bring forward one of our 'save the planet' initiatives. We sell upwards of 400 single use plastic bottles daily and this does have an impact on our natural resources. Therefore, we will be moving to a plastic free zone and encouraging all our students to bring a refillable, reusable, sustainable bottle which can be refilled in school.

We can reduce reliance on single-use plastics, aligning with Dixons' commitment to environmental sustainability.

We encourage students to bring their new water bottle to school **every day** and refill it at our water stations as needed.

Thank you for helping us keep our students healthy and our planet clean!

Kind regards



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Academy Principal

