

BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal | Mr R Woolsey, BEd (Hons), PQH



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Focus on Listening

Since school restarted on 24th August, we have noticed that many of our pupils are struggling to listen. This is a problem across the school from Nursery right through to Year 7. One of our six Golden Rules is 'We Listen' and you will appreciate that listening is so important in school. We believe that the fact that pupils were out of school for so long during the lockdown has made this worse and we also believe that if pupils are not listening, then they cannot learn to their full potential.

To try to turn this around and bring about improvement, we have decided to have a whole school focus on Listening between now and the Christmas holidays, teachers will be doing activities in class which encourage good listening and pupils will be constantly reminded about and rewarded for good listening.

It is important to state, however, that we cannot do this without your help. Our focus will be much more effective if you join with us in encouraging good listening and the importance of this in school and at home. We believe that if listening is a problem in school, then many of you will be experiencing this at home also.

Unfortunately, if this is not addressed now it will only get worse, but as a school we believe that we can turn this around, with your help, and we are committed to doing this.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Woolsey
Principal