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Dear parents and carers,

Apologies for this coming to you as an email but felt I needed to share this as something that is, at times, having an adverse effect in school...

As part of a CARES code assembly this afternoon, I have talked with all of the classes/ children about 'Pokemon' cards... you may or not be aware that building over the last couple of weeks, there have been a number of different but sometimes very upsetting issues, particularly for our younger children.

My assembly actually began very positively having done 'learning walks' across year groups this week and seen the co-operative and respectful way children treat each other in class/ during lesson time. It really is fantastic!

That said, my worry with Pokemon cards is that some of our children are finding it hard to 'switch off'. The following has therefore been put in place:

Friday's will be Pokemon-free days... no-one should have them in school;

- any game playing, trading, etc on Mon –Thurs must only now happen at break time;
- no special, rare, 'best' cards to be brought into school;
- any trading, to be maintained within year groups.

All adults in school are also aware and I have included a time factor of a week within which I am hopeful things will settle down... I would like to at least give our pupils that opportunity. Should this not happen however, and whilst it would be a shame, Pokemon cards will no longer be allowed in school.

Kindest regards,

Mr A. Clark

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