

Aims and Purpose

At West View Primary School, all children (starting from when they enter nursery or school), and staff are placed in a vertical family system which encourages collaboration and teamwork as families strive to earn tokens for the following:

- **Sporting achievement**
- **Positive behaviour and attitude to learning**
- **Academic achievement**
- **Working towards the West View core values** (determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork)

Each child, teacher and teaching assistant is placed in a family, including the Senior Leadership Team who serve as 'Head of Family', and remains a member of this family throughout their time at West View.

West View's family system encourages a structure whereby older children and younger children can work together, alongside staff, to create a mutually beneficial environment to facilitate growth and learning.

With an emphasis on teamwork and collaborative learning, the family system gives children throughout school the opportunity to make positive contributions to their school community. Through developing pride, involvement and participation, children are able to gain high levels of self-esteem and become well rounded individuals with a real sense of belonging.

Outcomes:

- A strong school community to where all students and staff feel they actively belong and contribute to.
- Development of true role models within the school community (across different year groups and staff).

- Recognition of children's achievements, in all aspects of school life (i.e. the classroom and beyond).
- Well-developed sense of belonging and involvement through participation in healthy competition (across all areas).
- Recognition and reward for extra-curricular activities, community work or charity contributions.

Structure

Whole school to be allocated into 5 different families, each family with a member of the Senior Leadership Team as 'Head of Family', an elected Y6 pupil as Family captain and an elected Y2 pupil as Vice-Captain (therefore having a representative from each key-stage).

Family captain expectations:

- To represent their family as required
- Show a positive leadership role to other children in their family
- Calculate weekly family point totals (alongside head of family)
- Work collaboratively with Heads of Family and other Family Captains and in the coordination of different events/competitions.

The 'Head of Family' acts as an overall figurehead for their family and provides support to their captains and other members of their family where needed.

Collecting Stars to Earn Tokens

Children are awarded 'stars' for their achievements and every 10 stars equate to 1 token for their family. Tokens are collected weekly and shared in celebration assemblies. Each half term, the tokens are counted up and the Family Trophy is kept by that family for the following half term. The family with the most tokens at the end of the year will be treated to a family event!

The following guidance is used to standardise the process of awarding tokens:

Individual efforts:

- 1 token for being 'Star of the Week'

- 1 token when children have earned a pen license
- Reading awards:
 - Bookworm / Bronze - 2 tokens
 - Advanced / Silver - 3 tokens
 - Expert / Gold - 5 tokens
 - Genius / Platinum - 10 tokens

Family efforts:

- In any family event, tokens will be awarded as such;
 - 1st place - 25 tokens
 - 2nd place – 20 tokens
 - 3rd place – 15 tokens
 - 4th place – 10 tokens
 - 5th place – 5 tokens

Intra-school competitions

Having the family system in school facilitates the ability for our children to be organised easily for the participation of internal competitions. This includes all competitive events within school both sporting and academic as well as any other events the children choose to organise (eg. Countdown, chess tournament, charity events etc.)

Celebrating tokens achieved

The total number of tokens accumulated by each family is announced weekly in Key Stage celebration assemblies, rewarded half termly with a 'Family Trophy' and celebrated with an event at the end of the academic year.