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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Richmond Park School, the wellbeing of our pupils is paramount, now more than ever as they adapt to our new routines and safety measures, as well as adjust to being back in school after such a lengthy period away. Therefore, we will continue to use Speakr regularly with the children this year to support their wellbeing. Speakr is a website and service which allows children to record how they feel each morning on arrival at school. The pupils are able to share how they're feeling with us at that particular time by selecting from a range of emoji faces. It also allows them to explain their choice of emoji by providing a written reason to describe their feelings

The beauty of Speakr is that there is no initial face to face contact, so pupils are able to be completely honest without feeling embarrassed or worried about talking to an adult. This system is monitored closely by the class teachers every morning. Class teachers are encouraged to discreetly speak to pupils who select a negative emoji by the end of the day (if possible), to ensure that any wellbeing issues can be dealt with swiftly.

The online version of this system is only available for children in Years 3-6, however our FPh pupils also use it by placing personalised lollipop sticks into different cups with emoji stickers attached to them. This process still allows staff to intervene and speak discreetly to those pupils when necessary to check on their wellbeing. Speakr allows us to closely monitor and track the wellbeing of each pupil to ensure that they are happy, safe and secure!

The system also links to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), which our Super Ambassadors in Year 5 promote across the school:

Article 12: your right to be listened to.

Article 16: your right to privacy.

Article 19: your right to be kept safe.

Please rest assured that we will continue to support your children's wellbeing during this transition back to school and we'll bring any major concerns to your attention. Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to contact us if you'd like any further information!

Kind regards,

Mr D Cooper
(Deputy Headteacher)