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Dear Blaise Families,

We are writing to thank you again for your ongoing support. Your children have consistently demonstrated aspiration, integrity and pride both in their school work and their behaviour. This has led to 5,192 green points being given out last week, this is over 3,000 more than the week before. This is an incredible effort from our students and has contributed to the school feeling such a happy, positive and warm place. We were also delighted to launch 'Killigrew Fried Chicken' last week, in which the students with the highest points totals in each year group were rewarded with fried chicken for lunch on Friday. This week I am writing to you about line ups and why we do them.

Line Ups

At Blaise High School we line up, as an entire school, in the morning, after break and after lunch. Blaise High School has over 900 students on roll, including 40 students with significant additional needs, and a number of students in wheelchairs. safely, and for all other students there is a very clear distinction between social time and lessons. There are 3 external doors which can be used to enter the building from the courtyard. In order to ensure a safe, calm, purposeful entry to lessons we all line up. The Resource Base students are then able to enter

Students are given a signal, which is one whistle, to go to their lines and two minutes later a second whistle is blown for silence. The first five students who are ready in each line all receive green points on their RfL cards. The line ups are silent to ensure that the entry to lessons is silent, purposeful, and quick. We have all students off the courtyard and in lessons within five minutes, where previously it would take up to fifteen. As with everything, we do this because we want to maximise lesson times and ensure that every student has the very best opportunity to climb their own personal mountain to the best universities in the country or a real alternative. We use these collective moments to share important messages, celebrate successes and praise students for their demonstration of our values.

We also know that bullying often happens in the time spent transitioning to lessons. We use line ups to reduce the risk of bullying and to ensure that children are safe when entering the building. Each student is still greeted with 'Good Morning or Good Afternoon' at the door of each classroom.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Nabarro Headteacher

