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Dear parents, carers and pupils

Black Lives Matter

In recent days, I know that you have all seen and been moved by the significant events that have taken place in response to the shocking murder of George Floyd by a police officer in the US. These events have brought into stark focus the persistent, longstanding presence of racism in our society and a wider acknowledgement that racism is an injustice that remains systemic in our global society. Racism strikes right at the very heart of our humanity, and as a school we are totally and wholly committed to challenging racism and prejudice in all its forms.

In these challenging times it's even more important for us to stand together as a community; we witness the discrimination that so many of our community members face on a daily basis, and we must do everything in our power to challenge it and support all our families.

One of the things that the past few months of the COVID outbreak has shown us is that Mellers is not just about our school building, it's about our community and the people within it. The response within our fabulous community to the COVID crisis has humbled us as a school, and we've worked together to get through it. We can do the same in our struggle against racism and prejudice; every one of us has a role to play in order to make long-lasting societal change.

In the words of Angela Davis, 'in a racist society, it's not enough to be non-racist, we must be anti-racist.'

Please remember: if you do have any concerns or experience instances of discrimination of any kind in school or within the community, please let us know.

Please look after yourselves...and one another.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Dawson
Headteacher

"This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment."

