



*'Ensuring Excellence'*

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Dear Parents,

### **GEMS at Dordon Primary School**

We are excited to share a brand new initiative which celebrates our children's achievements here at Dordon. Starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April we will be introducing GEMS into each class, which will replace our current award system of Stars. As always, we are constantly looking for new ways to inspire and encourage our children to be the best they can be and in this instance we feel GEMS will be a welcome addition to school.

### **How GEMS will be awarded in school**

Each student has an online profile – complete with their own avatar – to which teachers can assign GEMS to throughout the lesson. The programme can be operated by a teacher from their computer or tablet, and each time they award a GEM a sound plays to alert the class.

### **What do GEMS mean?**

**G**rowth mindset – perseverance, viewing challenges as opportunities, positive learning attitudes

**E**ffort – trying your best in all aspects of school life

**M**anners – being respectful

**S**uccess – developing your skills and achieving your goals

### **Celebration Assembly**

Instead of awarding children with Star certificates in assembly each week, we will award those children with the most GEMS (in their class) with a prize in the final Celebration Assembly of the half term. The Gems will then start afresh start each half term, giving all children the incentive to strive for excellence.

### **Parental Engagement**

In the future, we hope to develop our class GEM system so parents are able to see their children's points online, but at the moment we will be dedicating our time to developing the initiative across school first. We would love to hear your feedback at any point and how your children are talking about class GEMS at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S McGroarty  
Associate Headteacher