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Parenting Tip: Avoid Comparing Your Child with Others

Dear Parents

Greetings.

Children are often compared with siblings, classmates, or friends regarding marks, appearance, behavior, or achievements. Even when intended as motivation, frequent comparisons can make a child feel that they are only valued when they perform better than others.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Focus on your child's own progress rather than comparing them with others.
- Praise effort, improvement, and responsible choices.
- Replace statements such as “Why can't you be like them?” with “What can we work on together?”
- Allow children to discuss mistakes without immediately criticising them.
- Celebrate individual strengths, even when they are different from those of their classmates.

Parenting tip: *Compare your child's progress with where they were yesterday, not with where someone else is today.*

Small changes in the way we speak can make children feel more confident, supported, and understood.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

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