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Subject: Safeguarding Arrangements for Sports Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming Sports Day and sharing this special event with you and your children. It is always a highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements together.

However, I am writing to share some important safeguarding concerns that have arisen in recent years, and to outline the expectations we need all families to follow in order to keep our pupils safe.

During previous Sports Days, we have noticed a number of challenges, including:

- Parents and family members entering and leaving the school site throughout the day, often outside of allocated times
- Visitors leaving the site during the day (for example, to vape) and re-entering
- Children mixing with different family groups over lunchtime, including extended family members
- Difficulty for staff in maintaining clear supervision and knowing who each child is with at all times

While we fully recognise what a lovely opportunity it is for families to spend time together—particularly sharing lunch with your child on the field—these arrangements do make it significantly harder for staff to ensure that all children are safe and accounted for.

It is important to note that many schools no longer operate this open model of Sports Day specifically due to these safeguarding challenges.

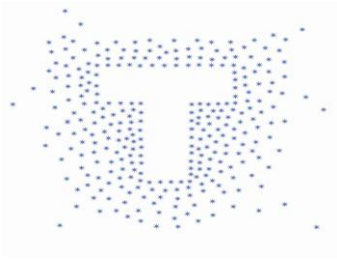
I recently spoke with a number of Year Three parents during our tea and cake gathering, and while feedback was mixed, I was reassured that the majority of parents understood and supported these concerns.

In response to this, we have taken the decision to adapt our arrangements this year. To retain the sense of community and the opportunity to spend time together, we will be moving the family picnic to after school at pick-up time, rather than during the middle of the school day.

This approach will allow:

- The school site to be cleared of visitors during the lunchtime period, ensuring clear supervision of all pupils
- A reopening of the site at the end of the day, where families can safely enjoy a relaxed picnic together





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- Staff to maintain accurate oversight of all children throughout the school day

We believe this strikes the right balance between maintaining this valued community experience and ensuring that safeguarding remains our top priority.

We kindly ask all families to continue to:

- Follow allocated timings and staff guidance on the day
- Not to leave the site during the sports event

These measures are not about restricting enjoyment, but about ensuring that we can safely continue to offer events like Sports Day in a way that protects every child.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation, and we thank you for working with us to keep our pupils safe while still creating a positive and memorable experience for all.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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**Headteacher
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