



Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ball games at Radcliffe Gardens gate before school

Over the past week, I have received concerns from parents who drop their children off at the Radcliffe Gardens gate, and from the residents who live there. These concerns relate to a group of Year 5 and 6 children playing football on the green, resulting in the ball hitting others and the adjacent properties, and children becoming overly boisterous and coming into school in a heightened state which is not conducive to their learning or wellbeing.

Mrs Duncan wrote to all parents about this matter in June 2022 and we have spoken to the children previously about not playing football before school. As such, please be reminded that children should not be playing ball games on the green outside school. In any case, there is no need for children to bring their own balls to school as there are school balls for them to use during all of their break times.

In speaking with the children today, we have explained we know they are not trying to hurt anyone but these unsupervised games are getting out of hand; the green area is not large enough to accommodate a game of football as well as providing a safe place for families to wait. We have also discussed that when they are wearing their school uniforms, they are representing our school and therefore need to behave accordingly. We are part of a wider community and should be showing our core values of care and respect to the parents and children waiting and to the Radcliffe Gardens residents.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards,

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