

NO SPECTATORS AT SPORTING EVENTS

Dear Parents

The involvement of parents in supporting their children at school is incredibly important to us. The rule that parents cannot come on site to watch sporting events seems at odds with this, so it is important to explain why this is the case.

From the moment schools open to the moment they finish there are strict rules about who is allowed to come on site. For example, all visitors who are not fully DBS checked must be personally escorted at all times. The idea that we protect students so well all day, but then at 3.10 allow anyone to come on-site unchecked is a huge flaw in effective safeguarding.

There can be anywhere around 100 - 150 students engaged in on-site extra-curricular activities after 3.10 and **we are responsible for safeguarding students on site after 3.10 in the same way that we are during the day.** There is a rise in anti-social behaviour in the area and other young people seeking to gain access to schools to cause trouble. It is simply not possible to prevent unwanted visitors or entry into school buildings from the rear if all the gates are opened to allow unmonitored access.

In order to maintain consistency in our safeguarding of the young people in our care the school site will remain closed to unmonitored external visitors which includes spectators at sporting events.

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)
non sibi sed aliis