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Dear Parent and Carer

Gregory Fields 'Rec' and playground

I hope you are well; it looks like summer may be at long last finally be on the way – I hope I've not spoken too soon.

Despite recent requests asking that pupils come straight into school in the mornings, we are seeing an increasing number of pupils who are meeting at the 'rec' each day. In recent weeks, there have been a number of incidents and injuries at the rec before school which have put an unnecessary and avoidable strain on our resources first thing in the morning. This cannot continue as not only does it mean the school day gets off to a bad start, the behaviour and conduct of some pupils has the potential to damage the good name of our school in the local community. With increased numbers of pupils, unnecessarily, walking down Hallas Road and crossing on the blind bend, we also have real concerns about the potential for a serious accident. A good example was when I watched a bin lorry struggle to manoeuvre around the bend and parked cars this morning whilst pupils tried to cross the road. Finally we are seeing pupils arrive at school covered in mud and with wet shoes, not the way we want the school day to start.

We are therefore reintroducing the school rule that the rec is out of bounds before school for anybody who is wearing KMS uniform – pupils should make their way directly to school. We ask for your support in reinforcing this with your child. This decision has been taken to ensure all pupils get to school safely in the morning and without incident. Where pupils fail to observe this instruction, consequences may be issued in line with school policy.

The all-weather pitch is open each morning before school for those who wish to play ball games and staff are on duty to ensure the school day gets off to a good, and safe, start.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Taylor
Executive Headteacher

