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Dear Parent / Carer,

**URGENT!**

**RAIN EFFECTED EVENTS & RELATED PARENTAL SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTS**

The 'Health and Safety' of pupils at Thrunscoe Primary and Nursery Academy is of the utmost importance to us.

In recent days, we have had to unfortunately cancel our community fair (14/07/23) and yesterday's sports day for KS2 (17/07/23), due to stormy weather. These events were cancelled with 3-4 hours notice, having checked weather forecasts on the morning of the events; we wanted to get the most up to date forecast to ensure that events were not cancelled in haste.

I appreciate that it was upsetting for you, as it was for us, as we thoroughly enjoy these events. As you can appreciate, we have no control over the timing of the weather; we have just been very unfortunate over the past few days.

We also appreciate your understanding that a lot of organisation goes into planning and delivering these events; we do not cancel lightly. As you witnessed on Friday and yesterday, the events would have been a complete wash out; our decision to wait until the actual day of each event was therefore justified as weather forecasts 48 hours earlier had determined rain at a later time than actually occurred. Both events would have been disrupted and safety issues created.

Therefore, it is particularly concerning that I have been made aware of a few parents / carers who chose to make derogatory comments about the Academy, related to the cancellations, prior to the rain arriving, on social media.

As I have stated in letters previously, we encourage you to discuss your concerns with us directly in the first instance so that we can address them together. It is critical that we work together to ensure that your child's time, and yours, with us is a happy and successful one. As you can appreciate, making such comments about the Academy on social media, without a right of reply, does not help in building such a positive working relationship. It also does not set the right example to the children related to appropriate use of social media.

Your support on this matter is sought urgently and greatly appreciated.

Mr S P Bate

(Headteacher)



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