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Dear Parent/Carer

29th June 2021

Re: Collecting Children from School

Can I please ask that parents ensure that their child is collected by an adult from the school yard at the end of the school day. The adult should be someone named on our system as an authorised adult to collect your child.

I appreciate that circumstances arise whereby the normal collector is unavailable. If the adult collecting your child is someone different from usual, then please inform the school office or class teacher.

Only children in the Diamond Learning Zone should be walking home alone as they are deemed old enough to do so. If a younger child walks home alone then this must be discussed and agreed in writing between the parent and school.

I have been prompted to write to you as some of our children are being collected by a wide range of different adults who are unknown to the class teacher. With everyone wearing face coverings it is incredibly difficult to identify different adults and we must ensure children are only handed over to authorised adults.

In addition, some parents are asking for young children to leave the school premises on their own and are meeting them on the road. I am extremely concerned about this as it is a safeguarding issue. Our school remains responsible for your child's safety until they are handed over to an adult but once a child leaves our site we are unaware of whether they have safely met their intended adult or not.

I totally understand that some parents may be avoiding the yard due to social distancing requirements or the requirement to walk round the one-way system however, collection time is causing some anxiety for our staff and if the above situations continue there could potentially be a safeguarding breach.

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I have therefore asked all staff who are dismissing children at the end of the school day to ensure they are handed over to an adult (unless in the Diamond Learning Zone) and that the adult is known to us as an authorised person to collect the child.

All authorised adults should wait in the allocated collection box for their child's Learning Zone as marked on the school yard in line with our current Risk Assessment.

The safety of our children is the most important thing and I thank you in advance for your help and understanding with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross
Head Teacher

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