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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been brought to our attention by a number of children in KS2 that a number of dangerous incidents have occurred whilst they have been playing at the Wellington Drive park and Laburnum Avenue park of an evening / weekend.

My main concern is that the children involved have told class teachers about what has happened and have admitted that they have not told their parents. Their reasoning for this is that they are worried they will be stopped from being allowed to play out as a result. The severity of some of these instances include a teenager pulling a pupil from their bicycle, a child with a knife, Y6 pupils vaping, a lack of road safety awareness. Children have openly admitted that they go into areas that their parents have said they are not allowed to enter and told us of a number of accidents where children have become hurt but not told their parents.

This has also impacted on the children's learning time as it triggers a class discussion led by teachers, not only regarding what has happened but also the importance of safety and being open and honest with parents.

I would not normally make a point of contacting parents regarding out of school matters, however I am extremely concerned that you as parents may not be fully aware of the situations the children are facing because you have not been informed. Having a duty of care to put every child's safety first I feel it is my responsibility to ensure you have the information you need to make an informed decision.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

Kind Regards

Mrs L. Lawrence
Principal



