



Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 27th June 2022

Ball games at Radcliffe Gardens gate before school.

Over the past few weeks, we have received a significant amount of concerns and complaints from parents dropping their children at the Radcliffe Gardens gate. These concerns have all been regarding a group of Year 5 and 6 children playing football and other ball games on the green which often results in parents, other Barrow Hedges children and toddlers/ babies in prams being hit with balls.

We have spoken to the children regarding this matter previously but due to the volume of concerns, we have taken the decision that the children should not be playing ball games on the green outside school anymore. Children should not bring their own balls to school as there are school balls for them to use during all their break times.

In speaking with the children, we have explained we know they are not trying to hurt anyone but these unsupervised games are getting out of hand; the green area is not large enough to accommodate a game of football as well as providing a safe place for families to wait. We have also discussed that when they are wearing their school uniforms, they are representing our school and as such, need to behave accordingly. We are part of a wider community and should be showing our core values of care and respect to the parents queueing and the Radcliffe Gardens residents.

In our conversations with the children around this matter, it has become apparent that some children are arriving at school from 8:15am and waiting outside the gates, unsupervised. We ask that children do not arrive at school before 8:35am to minimise any waiting before the gates open at 8.40am.

We trust that the children arriving at an appropriate time and not bringing balls will eradicate this issue.

Kind regards,

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