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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Play Park adjacent to school

Over the last week, myself and members of the senior team have been dropping into the Play Park before school.

We note that there are generally around 30 children in the park unsupervised by their parents/carers. Sometimes we have witnessed the children using the equipment unsafely, using foul language and play fighting. There have been some serious incidents of fighting, verbal aggression towards members of the public and general anti-social behaviour. Although not on school property, these incidents were reported to school and dealt with.

If I could wave a magic wand, we would be in a position to supervise the Play Park each day to try and prevent these incidents or a child having a serious injury on the equipment. Unfortunately, we do not have a spare staff member to do this, but will visit the park when we can and continue to review the situation.

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are aware of the protentional risks of allowing your child to visit the park unsupervised before school. We are very concerned about the safety of the children involved and would encourage you to make alternative arrangements for your child. I understand that because we have been visiting the park, some of these children have told their parents/carers that the park is now supervised by school staff. I can confirm that it is not, just in case you were under that false impression.

If your children are going to continue to use the park before school, please can you remind them that they are in school uniform and still representing us, even though they are not on the premises.

Also, please do continue to report any incidents to us for us to follow up.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Garry Johnson
Head Teacher

