

30th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of a number of incidents taking place on the Year 6 children's routes home from school, now that they are not collected by an adult. These include:

- Children loitering at the gate, making it difficult for parents to pass and ensure social distancing.
- Children being unkind on their way home from school, calling each other names and in some cases, physically hurting each other.

We have already addressed the issue of children standing and waiting for their friends on the playground and distracting their peers through the classroom windows, when they are carrying out the learning tasks necessary to support with catch up. This is the same provision as we offer the children who are arriving at school early and then leaving at 3pm.

The behaviour and friendship difficulties that children are experiencing at the end of the day (outside of school hours) can affect them the next day in the classroom, and therefore has a negative impact on their learning.

If we are made aware of children not leaving the premises, which includes the Lead Lane entrance to school at their designated time, or being unkind to members of our school community, you will again be asked to collect your child, to ensure their safety and to support their well-being.

The incidents have been observed by adults in school, however, some individuals feel that they no longer need to follow instructions from our staff outside of school hours. Whilst children are on our premises, we have a duty of care to address behaviour and well-being.

Could I also ask that you remind them to hand in their mobile phones and not have them on their person or in coat pockets during the day. I understand that they need them as a means of contact, if they are walking home, however, they will be confiscated if they do not follow our protocols.

Please could you discuss the issues above with your child if they do walk home on their own? We really appreciate you working with us to ensure that everyone is safe.

Best wishes,



Mrs Rowett
Headteacher