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Dear Parents / Carers of children in Year 6,

We have been made aware of both **unsafe** and **antisocial** behaviour occurring with unsupervised children, mainly not on the school site, before the school doors open at 8:35pm and once the children have been released at 3:15pm. As well as these behaviours being observed by school staff, reports have been made to the school by parents, members of the public and concerned professionals. Examples include:

- Running / chasing across the Morrisons' carpark, into the path of cars.
- Shoplifting.
- Climbing on trolleys stored in the trolley parks.
- Use of expletive / offensive and racist language, including in front of much younger children who have just been collected from nursery.
- Fighting, including squirting each other with juice / water.
- Running across the main Bristol Road 'dodging' traffic.
- Fighting on the central reservation of the main Bristol Road.
- Taking photographs or videos of others without consent.
- Bullying-type behaviours.

Whilst we support parents encouraging their children's growing independence in time for the start of secondary school, we are deeply concerned as a school about the behaviours that we are observing and having reported to us, particularly in regards to the safety of our children.

Please support school by reinforcing to your children your expectations of their behaviour immediately before and after school. If we continue to receive reports about specific children's behaviour, we will no longer allow them to leave school without an adult collecting them. We appreciate the impact this will have on working hours for some parents.

Children should not be arriving to school before 8:30am unless they are in Breakfast Club. Vehicular access to the site is allowed until 8:30am and children stood in the car park of school before this time are at risk of being hurt or injured.

Please also note that several children who bring themselves to school in the morning are regularly arriving to school late due to spending time in Morrisons or just generally 'hanging around'.

Should you wish to discuss this, or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Young
Deputy Head Teacher



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