



5th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to ask for your support.

As you may be aware, the school has been the victim of several episodes of mindless vandalism over recent weeks which have been increasing in their severity, and which over the Bank Holiday weekend resulted in both the police and fire service being called out to deal with a range of incidents, from broken windows and fire setting to breaking and entering school premises.

CCTV footage of intruders on the school premises, including the roof, has been passed to the police who are dealing with several cases of criminal damage.

The open nature of the school grounds makes it difficult to control unauthorised access to the school grounds and indeed in the past we have allowed children to use the tennis courts and football pitches out of hours.

However, the recent spate of attacks means that we must, reluctantly, tighten up security and access. As such, please can I make it clear that there is no public access allowed to any of the school grounds or facilities outside school hours unless as part of an authorised club with permission from the school. This includes, but is not limited to, the Astroturf, tennis courts and fields.

We would ask for your support in protecting the school from thoughtless vandals who make it impossible for the school to be flexible in allowing use of its facilities. We know it is only a few mindless individuals who are responsible for the damage. Nevertheless, we ask you to please explain to your child that they must not be on school grounds outside school hours; we will be working closely with the police and increasing our monitoring of CCTV footage to deter any further vandalism, and, if necessary, taking action where appropriate quickly and robustly to protect the school for the benefit of the whole community.

It is important that everyone in the community respects and protects schools and other public buildings for the benefit of everyone. I am confident we can work together to prevent further vandalism and make our community a safer place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Judith Schafer
Interim Executive Headteacher