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Safeguarding.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask that you support us in our efforts to make school a safe place for all of our children and young people. As I am sure you are aware, safeguarding is the most important duty of a school and I know that you need to feel confident that your son or daughter is safe when they are here.

To ensure that this is the case, all schools have to follow rules and recommendations about procedures around people, including parents, who visit school. You will be very familiar with some of these, for example being asked to sign in and out and being given a visitor badge to wear. We are not allowed to let anyone, even parents, to wander round school unattended; this includes going to and from classes and using the toilets that are within the school building whilst you wait in the entrance.

It is part of our duty of care that we ensure we know who your child leaves school with and it is for this reason we put procedures in place, for example at the end of after school clubs, staff stay until each child has gone and will ask to see identification or will make enquiries if the person collecting a child is not who they expected. Similarly, after the school disco, you may have to wait a little while until we are certain that each child has gone with the right person.

I appreciate that at times these measures may seem a bit 'over the top', however I know you will agree that the safety of all of our children is more important than a few minutes inconvenience and I appreciate your understanding.

Kind regards,

Janis French

Head Teacher



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