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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are continually reviewing the layout and arrangements across our site to ensure it remains as safe and secure as possible for everyone.

For example, over time we have introduced a number of improvements, including an additional pedestrian crossing, clearly marked pedestrian walkways, barrier zones and an extra layer of security fencing. These measures have all been designed with the safety of our community in mind.

However, we've recently observed that not all site users are following the designated pedestrian routes. Instances of individuals crossing roads in unsafe locations and pinning back gates have raised concerns, as these actions compromise both personal safety and site security.

As part of our ongoing efforts to address this, the 'staff only' gate was kept closed this afternoon to encourage the use of pedestrian crossings and walkways and to help prevent gates from being propped open. We recognise that this approach may not have worked as well as intended and, with that in mind, we will be putting this particular measure on hold for now while we consider alternative options.

In the meantime, we kindly ask for your continued support by only using the designated pedestrian areas, only crossing roads via the pedestrian crossings provided and ensuring that gates are not held open or pinned back.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

The Senior Leadership Team















