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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you to clarify a few things following some concerns voiced by parents which are causing misinformation to be spread.

As you are aware, new gates at the front of the school were installed over the summer holidays. This took place through our Central Trust following on from an external security survey that identified an area we could improve on to put us in line with other schools.

We believe the new gates will ensure that the whole school site is secure and prevent unauthorised vehicles and people from entering any area of the school without notice. I would like to emphasise that there is no immediate threat to the school and there have been no incidents reported of threats being made. I am aware that with AI now appearing all over social media, there is a lot of misinformation which is causing parents to become extremely anxious.

The whole of our site is fully gated and if anyone ever comes too close to our gates during the school day, we immediately approach the gates to check the purpose of their presence. Again, if children report any suspicious activity, we will investigate it immediately. The school has a Lockdown Policy which has never had to be used, and we will be having a lockdown drill this half term just as we do with our fire drills.

For your information, the gates will be closed at all times of the day except the following times to allow for school drop off and pick up:

8.40am – 8.55am

3.20pm – 3.40pm

Please use the gate intercom for access outside of these times, this includes Breakfast Club entry and any Afterschool Clubs leaving. The only vehicles that will be permitted on site are staff cars and contractors.

We are aware the gates do get very busy on school collection times, and would ask that you do not put yourself or anyone else at risk of harm by arriving when the gates are open and waiting in an area that is safe to do so outside of the gates or on the opposite side of the road.

If you have a concern, please come and speak to me – I am usually on the front gate morning and late afternoon Mon-Thurs, or contact me via the school office. If for any reason I am unavailable, please speak to Mrs Gaylor or Mrs Parker-Smith.

Yours sincerely,

M. Cuskelly

Headteacher

