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Child Safety and Supervision at Pick-Up

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety and well-being of every child is our highest priority, both during the school day and immediately before and after school. We are writing to you today with a friendly request regarding **child supervision during the busy pick-up period.**

We know the end of the school day can be rushed, but we have recently noticed a few behaviours that could inadvertently pose a risk to your children, particularly in the areas near Mrs. Bettridge's office and on Bridle Way.

Observations for Awareness:

- We have seen children running and engaging in active play on the **grass bank and climbing trees** in the grassed area outside Mrs Bettridge's office. While we love seeing energy, this type of activity can lead to trips or falls in a busy area, which is directly adjacent to the car park.
- Some younger children are running down **Bridle Way** ahead of their supervising adult, reducing the immediate visibility and control needed near the road.
- We've also observed that use of **mobile phones** by parents and carers can sometimes result in a momentary lapse in direct supervision.
- We have also seen some children using the climbing frame on the top playground and the outdoor gym equipment on the bottom playground.

A Recent Incident

We want to share a recent incident as a helpful reminder: there was a **near miss involving a reversing vehicle and some children** near Bridle Way. This incident highlighted how quickly a situation can change and the importance of full adult attention when vehicles are present.

Our Collaborative Request

We respectfully ask for your partnership in ensuring your child is **actively supervised** from the moment they are collected from their class or meeting point until you have safely left the grounds.

- Please consider **keeping mobile phone use to a minimum** until you and your child are safely away from the immediate school vicinity. Your full attention during these crucial minutes is invaluable.
- Help children stay close to you and **avoid running ahead**, especially near the road or in areas where vehicles may be manoeuvring.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and calm environment for all our children.

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