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Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, I have had several complaints from parents regarding groups gathering on the path outside the school gates smoking and making it very difficult for people to get past safely. They either have to walk through a large group of people, which does not allow for social distancing, or walk on the road which is incredibly unsafe.

Can I ask all parents/carers **not** to gather on the path outside the school gates. I'm sure you'll agree that the safety of our children and their adults has to be a priority for us and hearing complaints about their journey to school, when we are working so hard in school to keep everyone safe, is very disappointing.

We have tried to minimise the number of people approaching the school by staggering the start/finish time of school. If you **adhere to your start time** then there should be no need to gather outside of school as the yard will be clear to enter. Once you are on the yard can you ensure you stand social distanced from the other parents/carers using all the space on the yard and keep your child standing with you until they have to line up.

Please can we all work together and **keep the paths on the way to school clear**.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this situation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T Allen
Headteacher

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