



Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.

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Polite Reminders

Dear Parents

We are due for our Health and Safety categorisation in the forthcoming months and I would be most grateful if you could assist me with the following items....

Please could I remind all parents/carers that children are to walk sensibly with their adults at the end of the day, some children have run out of the gate and staff are particularly worried about the access to the car park. Please could you remind all children to stay walking sensibly by your side as they exit school and more importantly on the pavement/main road.

We are fully aware that children are hungry when they finish school, we are a healthy and litter free school, so we request that any snacks brought for your children at the end of the day are given once they have left the premises and are out of the school gates. Please ensure all litter is placed in pockets and bins to be mindful of our lovely world and our neighbouring residents.

Scooters and bikes are strongly encouraged, and we are delighted that children wish to come to school using healthy forms of travel, could I remind parents that scooters/bikes cannot be used on school premises unless in a risk assessed activity. We simply cannot allow children to ride them on school site as depicted by Health and Safety.

The teaching staff have raised some concerns regarding collection at home time. Staff have said they find it very difficult to 'spot' children's adults when there is crowding around the door. We have tried to eliminate this by staggering collection times. However Y2 and Y3 continues to be a struggle for the staff. Please could we ask that you form a line and move forward, then once at the front of the line your child will be called and guided to you. This way staff can see the child going directly to their adult ensuring we are within Safeguarding and Health and Safety guidelines. A sign will be placed on the playground for parents/carers to line up and wait.

Thank you so much for the help with the above, if you do have any further Health and Safety suggestions or any Safeguarding issues, please do contact the school and I will happily listen. As parents you probably see more than I do and any feedback good or bad is always welcomed so I can ensure I am doing the very best for our wonderful children.

Best wishes

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Headteacher