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Dear Parents,

Health and Safety Issues

As you know we are a caring school. Putting the safety of our children first as far as possible. While we try really hard to ensure that our pupils are safe, we need your help too. Recently we have become increasingly concerned that the boundaries between who is responsible for the health and safety of the children are becoming blurry and when this is not clear that is when accidents and mishaps can occur. In an effort to help everyone gain some clarity about the school's position on this, I have set out below our main concerns and who is responsible.

Before School

No child should be on the school premises prior to 8.50 am. The taxi is not permitted to drop children off before 8.50 am. Any child left on the premises before 8.45 am is strictly under the supervision of their parents and not the school. If an accident were to occur a first aider might not be there. This rule is for the safety of the children.

The times between 8.50-9.00 am and 3.15 -3.30 pm are not school supervised playtimes. Any behavioural incidents that occur between children during this time should be worked out between parents and the children concerned. If you choose to allow your children to use the play equipment (when the cones are not out) please be aware that you are responsible for their safety.

After School

The children are reminded daily that at home time if their parent or the person who is collecting them is not there, they must come back into school directly. They must not fill in time playing on the play equipment as there will be no supervision for them. If you sometimes make arrangements with your children to collect them at the shop we need this in writing and once they have walked out of the school gate with your permission, the school can no longer be responsible for them.

If there is to be a change in collection arrangements, please tell your child who will be collecting them before the start of the school day. Also, a slip must be collected from the school office and completed and left on Mrs Dale's desk. A phone call to change arrangements must only be used in emergency. We prefer any changes in writing please.

After School Clubs

When your child attends an after school club that is run by SSS (School Sports Support) or Emmanuelle Dowsett, this is run by a private company and any changes of arrangement for collection should be passed on in writing to the coaches. A register is called at the beginning of the session to mark the children in. This will now be extended further to include information detailing

which children are expected to attend and which children are in actual attendance. The register will be called again on the village field before returning to school.

The School Taxi

The school taxi follows the health and safety guidance set out by County Hall for collecting and dropping off the children. This states that it is safe practice to drop the children off and collect them on the side of the road where the school is, in order to minimise accidents. Mounting the pavement is discouraged. This means that when the taxi is there, for a short while the road may be blocked.

The taxi should be the **only** vehicle on this side of the road. We are looking at putting double yellow lines along the school side of the road to discourage drivers from parking there, as it endangers the safety of pedestrians, particularly when vehicles are on the pavement. We will probably get a marked position for the taxi to wait.

Dogs on the Premises

A further reminder to all parents and visitors that all dogs are not to be allowed in or near the school premises. This includes the gateways. **All schools** are dog free zones. We cannot risk the health and safety of our children by allowing dogs to roam around the school grounds freely. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that your dog stays at home.

We are very grateful that the vast majority of our parents are very supportive of all our school policies and understand that they are in the interests of the children. Thank you for helping us to address these problems before an accident occurs.

If you have any concerns that have not been addressed here, please let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Halley