

# **Emmbrook**

## **Infant and Junior Schools**



18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Dear Parents,

Following long discussions with Parents' Forum about the use of the Infant and Junior school playgrounds and field after 3.15pm, we have decided that we need to make some changes.

When you return after Christmas, a bell will ring at 3.35 pm asking you to leave the school site. The Infant and Junior playground gates will then be locked at 3.40pm. Club collection will be as normal from the Infant hall and the Junior school green playground gates.

We have decided to do this for a number of reasons:

### Child Protection/ Safeguarding

- Unsupervised children on the school site when the parents think they are on their way home
- Lack of supervision from parents/child minders who are using the site after school
- Problems for after school clubs in safeguarding their children as they are in loco parentis during this time
- The site is unsuitable for unsupervised use as there is open access to the general public
- The ability for any young child to leave the school site at any time without their responsible adult knowing

### Health and Safety

- Injuries to children who are playing supervised or unsupervised on the school equipment
- The school is not responsible for providing first aid once children have been dismissed so any injuries may not be treated
- Damage to school property by children using the equipment

Yours sincerely,

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