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Dear Shacklewell Families,

re: Safety and Safeguarding

Shacklewell is a place where all children, families and staff are safe. In order to maintain this safety conscious environment we require some additional support from our families:

Punctuality:

At the moment lots of children are rushing through the school gates either side of 8:55am. This is hazardous because in their rush to be in school children have fallen and bumped into others. Families are reminded that children should already be lined up by 8:55am and that the school gates are open from 8:45am. Please arrive well ahead of the start of school so we can reduce accidents and ensure all children are ready for learning each morning.

Dogs:

As a proud dog owner myself I know the temptation to bring them along on all our outings. However at school we have to prioritise the safety of all children and families and as a result no dogs, no matter their size, are permitted onto the school premises. This includes dogs in bags, buggies or any other method of transportation. The increase in the number of dogs tied to the fences and bike racks are also beginning to prevent cyclists having adequate places for them to lock their bikes so I urge you to think twice before bringing your dog on the walk to school.

Bicycles:

At the start and end of the school day there has been an increase in families taking bicycles into the playgrounds or leaving them leaning against a wall on the school grounds. Unfortunately, due to the increased congestion these items create and the risk to the children if they were to fall over, all parent and carer bikes must be secured to an appropriate bike rack, inside or outside the school. As a reminder children should also not be cycling or scooting through the gates because it is unsafe. Several near misses have occurred because children have sped through the gates and collided with other children, adults and buggies.

Thank you for your continued support as we make Shacklewell a safe environment for all of the community.

Kind regards,

Rory McGrath
Headteacher