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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding students bringing sports balls (e.g. footballs, rugby balls) onto the school site.

Due to health and safety concerns and issues arising from balls going into neighbouring gardens, students will no longer be permitted to bring their own balls to school. Larger balls, such as full-size footballs, can pose a risk of injury in crowded areas and have caused some minor accidents when striking other students during busy social times.

Please be assured that students will still have the opportunity to play football and other ball games during break and lunch times. The school will provide size 3 footballs, which are safer for use in our playground spaces.

If a ball goes over a fence, school staff will collect it. We have found that some students attempting to retrieve balls from neighbours' gardens after school has caused significant disruption for our neighbours and raises safeguarding concerns, so students will not be must not try to collect balls from our neighbours.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for our students and our neighbours. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

Best wishes

Lisa Barker
Headteacher



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