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Dear Parent/Carer

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**Re: Cleaning Issues**

As you may know, we have been desperate to recruit temporary cleaners to cover a number of hours due to high levels of sickness absence within our Caretaking and Cleaning Team. I am really pleased to confirm that we have recruited one new cleaner and other members of staff have kindly offered to work additional hours to provide cover.

However, we are unable to cover all of the necessary cleaning hours. At a time when we have a Covid Outbreak Management Plan we obviously have to focus on our enhanced Covid cleaning schedule. In addition, our priorities are the toilets, Learning Zones and shared areas of the school such as the hall and library.

Unfortunately, the school field is very muddy and children's feet are making the floors and carpets very dirty which is taking longer to clean. We do not have the resources to cope with this additional task and as a result, the children will not be allowed on the field until it has dried out.

While the yard is sectioned for the various bubbles, there is not sufficient room for them to play with balls safely and therefore I must ask that children leave their balls at home and the school balls will remain indoors for this temporary period of time.

When the Covid numbers reduce and children are no longer in bubbles, or are allowed back on the field we will of course, allow balls at playtimes again.

I appreciate that this will be frustrating for the children but it is for a temporary period and the decision has been made for health and safety reasons.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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