



# BARLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Local Safeguarding Concerns

We are writing to update you on some local safeguarding issues which are of importance and concern for our community.

**Barley Lane Recreation Ground:** We have received a number of concerns from the parent and staff community regarding the Recreation Ground. These concerns have included an increase in the number of rough sleepers, drug use, drug dealing, dog fighting and other inappropriate activity in the public toilets in the park. Please be vigilant and report any concerns directly to the police. We also encourage parents to report concerns to the Seven Kings Safer Neighbourhood Team, Telephone 0208 721 2563, [sevenkings.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:sevenkings.snt@met.police.uk).

**Goodmayes Area:** You may be aware that there has been an increase in reports of knife crime and assault in the locality in the past week, particularly on the other side of the High Road. We are aware that drug dealing takes place in the streets surrounding our school. Please be aware of this and ensure that you are taking every precaution necessary with your families. There is a considerable number of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk home alone and we strongly encourage parents and carers to reconsider this arrangement during these dark winter months.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to raise concerns with the relevant external agencies on behalf of the school community. The Met Police, Seven Kings Safer Neighbourhood team, Redbridge Enforcement Officers, Vision's Park Guards have been involved in joint operations and patrols, at the request of the school. We are awaiting updates on these operations but also urge you to report your concerns directly.

We will discuss safety with the children in class and assemblies in the coming week, in an age-appropriate manner. Our whole-school assembly 'Friday Focus' tomorrow will be 'Staying Safe in Our Streets'. A member of the Seven Kings Safer Neighbourhood team will join us for our December parent coffee morning at 9am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December to discuss any issues or concerns raised by parents and carers. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our children stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Henry  
**Headteacher**

