



# Deerhurst and Apperley Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Park

Firstly, I would like to thank you for following the safeguarding restrictions that we have in school in relation to COVID and all the restrictions.

I am aware that many children are visiting the local park in Apperley after school. I, of course, cannot presume to tell you what you can and cannot do after school. However, I have had two parents mention to me today that whilst they have been at the park children from other year groups have either physically pulled them over or verbally upset their children. These children have been either unsupervised and at the park on their own or have been with parents.

I am concerned that in school we are working hard to keep bubbles apart and are following a strict regime to keep everyone safe. Therefore if children are 'exercising' or visiting the park unsupervised or without restrictions this is not helping to mitigate risks.

If these opportunities are being used for childcare please help us by following the guidance:

- If you have a child or children aged 13 or under, you can form a 'childcare bubble'. This allows friends or family from one other household to provide informal childcare
- A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.
- All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.
- The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.
- You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.
- If you start a childcare bubble with another household, you cannot change it to a different household.

There are currently 19 schools across the county who have one or more Bubbles isolating away from school. We are a small setting where if one Bubble is affected it is likely that they will have been with someone at the park who is in another Bubble. This could have a significant impact on our school and everyone in it. I have staff in school who are vulnerable and are still working in school following COVID rules and we all rely on parents outside to support us. You have been incredible supportive so far but I wanted to highlight the situation at the park if you are one of the parents who allow your child to visit alone in particular.



## Just a reminder

- You are allowed to visit public outdoor spaces and exercise with people you live with, or your support bubble.
- If you are by yourself you can also meet up with one person from another household in an outdoor public space, either to socialise or for exercise. You must maintain social distancing at all times.
- Children under five, as well as disabled people dependent on round-the-clock care, are not counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside.
- For older children, whose parents are comfortable with them going out without an adult, they can meet one friend for exercise or to visit public places outdoors. Social distancing rules must still be followed.

I understand children in the village might end up at the park at the same or similar times, please remember to socially distance and help us all to keep safe.

With best wishes and good intentions, enjoy your weekend and let's hope we can get back to normal very soon.



Mrs Neveu

