

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

At Bourne Abbey we are committed to creating a wonderful, dynamic and engaging environment and we also want to ensure that we provide the safest possible learning environment for your children. Keeping your children safe is our number one priority and we will always ensure that we are relentless in making our school as secure as it can possibly be. Sadly, we have to acknowledge that times have changed and what was once acceptable for school security is no longer the case.

Some of you will be aware that we reviewed our security some time ago to make certain that our site is as safe as possible. One element which was raised during that review, was access arrangements to the school building both before and after school. It was generally acknowledged that any situation which allows open access to the school building presents significant safeguarding issues.

I would therefore like to remind you or draw to your attention the fact that that **there is no access inside the school buildings for anyone other than members of staff** both before and after school. Parents/carers wishing to speak to class teachers may do so at the end of the day or by booking an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

The school gates will continue to be opened at the same times in the morning and at the end of the day but please support us by not entering the school building and remaining on the playground until your child/ren enter school or are released by their teacher. **This also includes not using the lobby area by the KS2 Hall as a short cut from one playground to another.** Parents/carers invited to join us at Golden Book assemblies are requested to wait outside under the canopy.

I do hope that you will continue with your tremendous support for us in our ongoing commitment to provide your children with a safe place to learn. Should you have any concerns or queries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Houghton  
Acting Head of School