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Thank you for the email communication from a local resident requesting that we look at the conditions of our playing fields. They raised a concern that conditions under foot might be causing a hazard.

The school visited the playing fields last week with its health and safety consultants.

There have been sustained and repeated acts of criminal damage to the school's property on the fields. The school wanted to assess this and look at preventative action that it could take. **We would ask the perpetrator to cease this criminal activity immediately.**

We also noticed that when the school opens the gates to provide permitted use of the playing fields, dog walkers are not adhering to the information on the signs advising that exercising dogs on the area inside the fence is not permitted. **The school is requesting that dog walkers cease this with immediate effect.**

Furthermore, to be able to respond to the communication that the school received that conditions under foot might be causing a hazard, on their visit with us to the site, the school's health and safety consultants assessed the conditions underfoot of the areas inside and outside the fence up to the boundaries of the school leased land.

The conclusion of this assessment is that it is the personal responsibility of all users to ensure that they make a suitable choice of footwear to reflect the seasonal ground conditions at the time of the permitted use or to alternatively choose an alternative route or site to use. This is generally accepted as custom and practice in urban and rural areas.

The school extends its thanks in anticipation of your assistance with these matters.



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