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Public meeting: Wednesday 24th April 2019 6pm in the school hall

Dear Orston community,

I would like to invite you to a public meeting regarding plans to change the access route our families and the wider community use at the end of the day, weekends and holidays to get to the back of school.

We are going to install new fencing around the MOLE (Early Years outdoor area) as well as the land behind the poly-tunnel to increase outdoor provision within our curriculum. These plans will stop public access through this side of the school. We have plans to rejuvenate the whole MOLE area in the summer term once this has happened including a new canopy over the sand pits, wetpour safety surface across the whole of the area and invest in new outdoor learning resources that can be left out each day. We will be relying on your continued support through OSA fundraising to buy new resources for the MOLE as well as the area behind the polytunnel (this will be used by all year groups). Please come along to the meeting to find out more.

We are also looking to all install a new fitness trail at the back of school to complement our existing wooden equipment and will be putting in an application for Lottery funding. We are also planning to add new playground markings to the front playground. In the past, these were spray painted by the local authority maintenance team. We are looking at new and much longer lasting markings to help develop active playtimes and enjoyment for our pupils.

The community will be able to access the playground by passing by the other side of school; past the garage and bicycle rack. We will create a wide concrete pathway from the school kitchens, around the back of the Y6 classroom to meet up with the existing pathway near to the slide in the adventure playground. There will be a gate on this pathway that locks the children in during the school day but is unlocked at 3.30pm so that families can access the adventure playground, astroturf and field area.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24th April (first week back after the Easter holidays) at 6pm in the school hall. I will distribute a leaflet to all parents on Tuesday 23rd April to highlight the changes. If you know someone / a family that use our adventure playground in out of school times and are not members of our school community, please could you let them know and invite them to come along to the meeting. We will also ask for this information to go on to social media pages for the village and Bulletin newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me about these plans ahead of the meeting.

Kind regards,

Mrs Helen Jennings

Headteacher