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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware the children have had to remain indoors during playtimes and lunchtimes, over a number of days both this week and before half term, due to the fact that we have deer in the school grounds.

The school has been working hard to manage this unusual situation and in partnership with Exceed Academies Trust we have been exploring a number of options to ensure the safety of everyone on the site (including the deer).

Exceed Academies Trust, and our school, takes the safety of our children very seriously and currently, until we are able to put in place some security fencing we need to keep the child inside. Deer are wild animals and we are aware that if panicked they may cause unintentional injury to children or staff on site.

We understand that many parents/carers may feel frustrated by this decision and we, as a school, acknowledge that this is not ideal. However, we are hopeful that this situation will be resolved before the end of the week.

We kindly ask for your support whilst we navigate this situation and thank you for your understanding.

With kind regards

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Mrs A Mannings and Miss D Ward

CO-Acting Headteachers

