



St White's Primary School

Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



Thursday 13th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know a group of wild boar has been found in our forest school area. Thank you so much for being extra vigilant when moving around the school site to deliver and collect your children; we are very grateful for your support.

You will be aware that boar, if disturbed can be aggressive, resulting in a real risk of serious injury or worse to people. Therefore, for the time being this does mean that we are unable to use this area or the KS2 playground, in case we disturb them.

As you would expect, I will not risk leaving the boar where they are and have your child and school staff use these areas. Nor do I want to deprive pupils of an important part of their education by permanently sealing off the area or worse still, have to close the school entirely because I am unable to guarantee the safety of those on site.

After taking advice from a variety of agencies including the Forestry Commission, police and RSPCA we have established that legally we are not allowed to simply release them into neighbouring land and there is no legal way to capture and rehome them in the wild so, whilst considered, neither option is available to us.

Whilst you will no doubt notice activity in the area over the next week or so, for your own safety and to minimise stress on the boar, I would ask that you continue to avoid the area for the time being. Once the boar have been removed we will be carrying out reinforcement work of our perimeter fences to minimise the chance of this situation happening again in the future.

Whatever your view of this situation I hope you understand the need for us to take steps to minimise risk to our pupils, staff and visitors to the site. We will be sensitively speaking to the children about what has happened in due course.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher
St White's Primary School



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