



## Fairisle Infant & Nursery and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents

We are writing to you today to express our joint concern regarding pupils from Oasis Lordshill using our site, particularly at the end of each school day. This week we have had issues with older children in large groups, some of whom are hanging around with older siblings of our children, claiming to be picking up friends' younger brothers and sisters.

Issues we have seen this week have included the older children riding bikes and electric scooters through our site, play fighting in groups, vaping, swearing and being intimidating to our children, families and staff.

We have contacted senior leaders at Oasis Lordshill and are meeting with them as a matter of urgency. They have agreed to provide members of their staff team to be on our site at the end of each day going forward.

If you have older children picking up their younger siblings from our school, please would you impress on them that they must behave appropriately on our site and not bring groups of their friends through our school.

We have a wonderful environment here at Fairisle, which our children respect. However, what we are seeing from some older children is not in keeping with our culture. We work hard to keep our children safe and we will act proactively to make sure their experience at our schools is positive at all times. If this situation does not improve immediately, we will keep the pedestrian gate in Fairisle Road closed at the end of the day and everyone will need to enter the site through the field gates.

Thank you very much for your support with this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Peter Howard

Juliette Owens

