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Dear Parent,

We are writing to let you know that we are planning to install gates to the footpath from the junction of Friary Grange Park / Burrough Way that leads into the recreation ground. This will benefit the children that attend St Michael's now and in the future hugely, creating a safer and more secure site..

The decision to install the gates has been carefully considered and there are a number of reasons why:

- To Safeguard our pupils whose outside play areas run directly alongside the whole length of the footpath.
- We need continual access to the school field for sports and outdoor activities and children need to be able to return to the school buildings. This means that staff are required to control or lock the gates at each side of the path while the field is in use to ensure that all sites are secure.
- Since Covid 19 we have been trying to do more outside learning and activities and the school field is an essential part of this for St Michael's.

This footpath is on land owned by the school and divides the school buildings from the school field. Whilst the lane has been used by the community as an access into the recreation ground, the lane is not public right of way.

The footpath is used by many of you to access the school site and we plan to install gates at both ends of the lane and lock the gates closed between the start of school and the end of the school day.

However, the gates will be kept **open** for our community to use the path outside of these times, during the evenings, at weekends and in school holidays.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Robson and Peter Hitchman'.

Kirsty Robson and Peter Hitchman  
Headteacher Chair of Governors

