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### **CONGESTION ON LOWER PLAYGROUND AT HOME TIME**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to seek your help as parents and carers of children in the Lower School.

From the time I started at Gladstone Road Primary School, I have been concerned at the level of congestion that we have at the end of the day around the school, but particularly in the Lower School playground. I have expressed concern with the Local Authority about the numbers of pupils who attend our school and the pressure it puts on everyone at the ends of the day.

I have discovered that this is not a new issue. Mr Grant found a photograph from decades ago that shows the same pressures and crowds, with even the Year 3s coming onto the Infant playground to be collected to add further numbers!

Although we successfully manage pupils throughout the day, we have been finding it difficult to manage how smoothly we can get your child to you at the end of the day. This is no-one's fault in particular, but we are mindful that the congestion is not only an issue in school but also along the road just before home time.

We ensure that each child is personally collected by an adult before they leave us, but we are aware that we are all finding it difficult to see each other at that crucial time.

We have tried different approaches but they do not seem to be successful for long. We are restricted in terms of how many gates to open as some open out straight onto the road which would be an immediate hazard to your child if they ran out of the school playground after being picked up.

Although I have directed our staff to consider other ways of improving this, I would like to invite you to make some suggestions through a survey generated on Survey Monkey. There may be a genius of an idea among you that is a fantastic solution yet to be revealed. But the main priority is to find an answer that would reduce the pressure on us all at the end of the day.

We will be interested in any ideas and will report back to you with any that we feel would be worth trying. In the meantime, I just want to reassure you that we are fully aware of the situation and are continually seeking ways to resolve it as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr K Wright**  
Head Teacher

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3HF3M8H>