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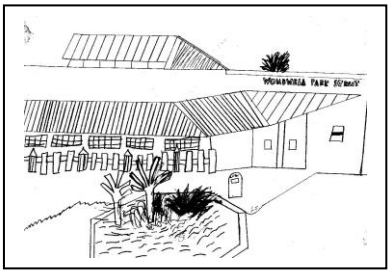

Every Child Matters Academy Trust

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Monday 30th April 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Dog Fouling on Park Street

A short while back our School Council received an email from a member of our school community about the conditions of our local pavements. In particular, the considerable amount of dog fouling on Park Street leading to Lundhill Road. Our School Council was asked to consider ways in which we could help as a school to improve conditions on the pavements.

During one of our School Council meetings, the children composed a letter to Barnsley Council asking for their support to tackle the issue. The children gave a range of suggestions that the council could do to help improve the pavements, in order to make the local area more environmentally friendly. In their letter, our council members suggested that Barnsley Council:

- Place bins along Park Street for owners to dispose of dog faeces.
- Patrol the area regularly.
- Use signs and information to raise awareness.
- Issue penalties if people are caught.

We are pleased to say that last week we had a visit from two council members in relation to the letter School Council had written. The council have agreed to place notice signs at the bottom of the school drive and on Park Street to remind the public that dog fouling is illegal and that if caught there are consequences.

The council have also requested that school ask for your support with this issue. As you can imagine it is difficult to find culprits in relation to dog fouling and without evidence, the council cannot prosecute. Therefore, they suggest that if you do see someone leaving dog faeces, and you are able to provide a name and address, you contact school immediately so that we can inform the council. Unfortunately, without evidence the council are unable to take formal action. However, if you can provide information and evidence, they are able to visit those committing the offence and prosecute if you are willing to act as a witness.

Our School Council members politely request that you support us with this issue and if you do notice anyone committing the offence, and can provide evidence, you contact school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss L Garratt and Miss C Baxter

School Council Leads