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Dear Residents,

**Re: Public Consultation on the School Field Project Proposal (18th October - 29th November 2024)**

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to inform you about an important public consultation concerning the future of our school field, which will run from **18th October 2024 to 29th November 2024**. Your input is crucial, and we invite you to share your thoughts and feedback on the proposed changes.

The number of pupils at Cleobury Mortimer Primary School has increased significantly since the 1970s. This growth has been fantastic for our school community, but it has also created challenges, particularly around the limited space available for the children to engage in physical education and other essential activities safely and securely.

One of the key issues we face is that the field is currently accessible to the public during school hours, making it difficult for us to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils. A growing concern is the problem of dog fouling on the field, which poses a significant health risk to children. Additionally, we have encountered situations with dogs off leads during school hours, further compromising the safety of the children and the security of our lessons, as well as impacting the wellbeing of pupils.

A further serious consideration is the growing presence of County Lines activity in the wider region, including Cleobury Mortimer. This introduces the potential for drug-related paraphernalia to be left in areas that our children access, presenting a significant safeguarding risk. This is in addition to the general health and safety issues that arise from a growing number of children in a

limited outside space, as the population of Cleobury Mortimer continues to increase both now and in the future.

In light of these concerns, our School Field Project Proposal seeks to address the increasing safety challenges while providing adequate space for our growing number of pupils. The primary aim is to create a secure, dedicated space for the children during school hours, where they can learn, play, and engage in physical and educational activities without risk or worry. In addition to this, we are committed to ensuring that the local community will still have access to the field, by request, outside of school hours.

We understand that this is a significant project, and we greatly value the views of those involved in our school community. Your feedback will play an important role in shaping the future of the school field and ensuring we balance the needs of our pupils with the broader community. The children of Cleobury Mortimer Primary School, and future generations, need your support in finding a beneficial outcome to a growing concern.

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the consultation by sharing your thoughts and views on our proposal, either in person (Dates for November at Cleobury Community Hub and Farmer's Market below) or scan the QR code below. All feedback will be carefully considered, and the results of the consultation will be published in a report to the Town Council and made available to you at the earliest opportunity following its conclusion.



Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Desborough

Headteacher  
Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

James Payton

Chair of Governors  
Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION DATE - 18th October to 29th November 2024**

**In-Person Session Dates & Locations:**

**Monday 11th November - 6pm - 7.30pm @ Cleobury Community Hub**

**Friday 15th November - 4pm - 5.30pm @ Cleobury Community Hub**

**Saturday 16th November - 9.30am - 12.30pm @ Cleobury Farmers Market**

**Monday 18th November - 6pm - 7.30pm @ Cleobury Community Hub**

**Links to provide feedback:**



<https://forms.office.com/e/iOJ74r7MA1>

**Links to full Project Proposal:**



<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:59b927a2-c716-4f01-b81d-1fe2250a4bdb>