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Dear Parents and Carers

Trees and Forest School

At Heaton Park we put great value on the use of outdoor learning opportunities to enhance children's wider appreciation of the world and its possibilities. This can be through sport, trips and visits or adventurous activities. Some of this we do at school and some of it off site. As part of developing this aspect to our curriculum offer, we have been working hard to improve the natural environment of our school grounds. This not only makes our school a far more exciting place to be but supports nature and provides for a whole wealth of learning opportunities for our children and including activities like Forest School. As part of this process we have received donations from the Charities, City of Trees and the Woodland Trust. These organisations have been into school and worked with our children to plant these trees around our school grounds. This in turn helps raise our children's understanding of the importance trees play in the fight against climate change.

Unfortunately, some people in the area of the school do not appear to agree with this rationale or seem to have any awareness of the beauty of nature or understand the devastating impact of climate change on the world. The reason for these comments is that over the last few days someone, as reported by one of our neighbours has been into our school grounds and up rooted many of our trees and damaged them beyond re-planting.

I cannot tell you how upset we and the children are by this and I am appealing to you to inform us if you are aware of who has been doing this to our school and who thinks that it is acceptable to ruin the work of our children and spoil their learning opportunities and environment. The person or people who have done this can only be described as despicable and disgusting.

Rest assured however we will pursue this and also we will ensure that new trees are planted to replace those lost and indeed we are planning the planting of even more in the months to come.

Again if anyone has any information relating to this criminal activity on our school grounds please come forward even if this is in an anonymous way.

Thank you again for your continued and positive support for our school in these difficult times.

Kind Regards

Mr P.J.Lord

Head Teacher **Mr P Lord**

