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Sent: 22 January 2008 09:44
To: Carmel Riley
Cc: Ian Murray
Subject: Health & Safety issue at Liberton Primary School

Carmel

Thank you for your time on the telephone this morning , please accept this email as formal request for a deputation at the full council meeting on the 7 February 2008. The reasons for which are as follows .

The surface of the Liberton Primary school playground is in a very poor state , small amounts of remedial patching work have been carried out over the years however nothing short of complete resurfacing with the appropriate material is now required .

You will see from the attached correspondence to David Fenton that the COEC have been aware of this issue since 2000 , the surface has been directly responsible for 7 accidents 6 of which required hospital treatment since June 2004 .

The school have been assured that the works will be included for consideration in the 2007/2008 budget , however with a reprofiling of the budgets we are increasingly concerned that Liberton Primary School will again be passed over .

We require the deputation to highlight the issue - obviously if we can be giving assurances prior to this then a deputation would not be required .

Regards

Darren Montagu
For and on behalf of the Liberton Primary School Parent Council

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**RE: HEALTH AND SAFETY CURRENT STATE OF PLAYING SURFACE, LIBERTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Mr Fenton

Please find enclosed copies of correspondence between representatives of Liberton primary School and members of the City of Edinburgh Council over recent years in relation to the above.

The Photographs provided demonstrate that the surface has worsened significantly since your communication 2 June 2006 when you confirmed that the work had been included for consideration in the 2007/2008 programs.

I understand that a reprofiling of the three-year capital investment programme is underway and the Parent Council would be grateful of any further assurances that can be given regarding what is rapidly becoming a serious health and safety issue.

You will note from the correspondence that the surface has been responsible for 7 accidents 6 of which required hospital treatment since June 2004, this issue was originally highlighted to the COEC in June 2000.

I would also be grateful of the opportunity to discuss the matter in more detail with you and would urge you to visit the school to see for yourself just how bad the surface has become.

The Parent Council and the Parent Teachers Association have engaged in a consultation exercise with parents in order to gauge their priorities for the school. It will come as no surprise that the state of the playing surface is their primary concern.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours Sincerely

Darren Montagu
For and on behalf of the Liberton Primary School parent council

CC Anne Clarke – head teacher
CC Noreen Ratcliffe – Liberton primary School Parent Council Chair