



21 March 2017

To the Silverdale School Community

The Board met on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to discuss concerns raised by the school community regarding the field upgrade and in particular, the spraying carried out on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and again on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

We have reviewed the situation and would like to share the following:

- a) We acknowledge the concerns that have been raised.
- b) Unfortunately, the contractors did not follow the procedures outlined to us including ensuring the fence was erected prior to any work being undertaken, and ensuring adequate signage to notify people that spraying was taking place.
- c) Regardless of this, while we did notify the community the field upgrade was scheduled to take place:
  - we were not explicit about what the community could expect to happen as part of that; and
  - we were not proactive in communicating about the spraying.We acknowledge we could have managed these communications better.
- d) We regret that members of the community were misinformed about the spraying which had taken place early Saturday morning and we apologise for any distress this has caused.
- e) We can confirm that no further spraying is scheduled to take place.
- f) We are following up with our contractors to seek their assurance that previously agreed processes will be followed.
- g) We will ensure proactive communication about what the community can expect to see happen regarding the field upgrade over the coming weeks via the school newsletter.

If you have any questions or outstanding concerns regarding this matter please contact either Cameron or myself to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Alison Gilchrist  
Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
Silverdale School