



# Nailsea School

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Dear Sir or Madam,

## Golden Valley Field Maintenance

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the maintenance of Golden Valley field.

Whilst the public have been welcome to enjoy the space of Golden Valley field, unlike Millennium Park it is not officially an open community space, neither is it a public right of way.

It is in fact part of the land and buildings leased to Nailsea School, as part of the long-term agreement, from North Somerset Council.

Whilst the school does not currently use the area for educational purposes, it does support local football clubs and organisations by hiring the field to them during the football season.

The top section of the field therefore is maintained as part of our grounds maintenance contract, being both cut and marked out, throughout the football season for clubs using this officially through The Link.

The maintenance of the lower end of the field has historically always been less, and unfortunately this was impacted this year due to issues beyond our control, namely the wet spring and therefore waterlogged ground.

The whole of the Golden Valley Fields will be cut again in August in readiness for the start of the football season. This is a decision which our current users are supportive of, as allowing a period of rest benefits the pitch.

In order to ensure the viability of such a provision to local clubs for the main season and in a time of decreasing budgets, the School Governors have taken the decision to only maintain this area as and when it is required. The benefit of this action is to increase the likelihood of Nailsea School being able to continue with this provision, whilst focussing its budget on educating its pupils.

Whilst Nailsea School doesn't have an issue with the general public using the field on an ad-hoc basis, unlike council managed parks and spaces, it does not have budget to provide for its maintenance as a priority.

I hope you can sympathise with the rationale behind the decision.

Yours faithfully

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Nailsea School