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Dear Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the Headteachers of the Partnership of Dronfield Schools (PODS), to ask you to reconsider your decision not to host a Junior Park Run on Sindelfingen Park.

As Headteachers we believe that bringing a Junior Park Run to the town would only benefit our whole community and we support the proposal made by Dronfield Running Club. It is our belief that a Junior Park Run would bring the community together whilst promoting health, fitness, wellbeing, and stronger mental health in the children and young people of Dronfield. For too long we have heard about the growing obesity problem in children and young people. So, by hosting regular events for the children and young people of Dronfield, such as the Junior Park Run, the community, including the Town Council, would be putting in place something that would encourage pupils to move more, and create good habits for life in our children.

Through participating in the Park Run the children and young people would not only benefit in terms of their fitness and health but it would also promote good mental health and wellbeing. This, in turn, would also have a positive impact on the families and volunteers who would be involved with this project too.

It is our understanding that the participants would be living locally to the area and therefore would be travelling to the park by foot which would not cause any extra pollution or congestion to the local area.

As a group of Headteachers we are surprised that the Town Council has not been supportive of such a positive project which brings the whole community together and ask you to reconsider.

All we ask is on reconsideration please have in mind the long-term benefits to the inhabitants of Dronfield that this project would bring; impacting positively on children's and the community's mental health, wellbeing, and fitness, when you discuss this at your next meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca King, NPQH

Headteacher

Dronfield Infant School

(On behalf of the Headteachers of the Partnership of Dronfield Schools)