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Dear Andrew,

The school very much appreciates the support Broadwindsor Cricket Club has given us over a long period of time to benefit the children's sporting opportunities. I was very much saddened to hear that our local Cricket Club may be losing its ground and wanted to write to you with the school's support.

In recent times both during the headship of Mr Arnold and myself more recently, the children have enjoyed using the facilities at the cricket ground to develop their cricket skills. The school in partnership with yourselves has offered cricket coaching with local grass route players which inspired many children to continue their journey in sport and indeed cricket. I know first-hand how excited pupils were to visit the ground and actually train there!

The school received Sports Games Gold award in the academic year 18/19 and was on track to receive this award again in 19/20 before the outbreak of Coronavirus. An instrumental part of this success was having links with local clubs like yourselves. Most of our club links due to the nature of the rural area are further away in places such as Crewkerne and Bridport. The Cricket Club in Broadwindsor is the only local club situated in the village itself which ensures local children can develop cricket skills beyond those taught in school without the need to travel beyond their community. It will be a very sad situation if those links could not continue with any sale of the cricket ground. I think it is also important to emphasise that while we may be blessed with many own spaces, there are very few spaces that we can engage in exercise in the village beyond the school, park and the cricket ground.

Broadwindsor School has a long history of encouraging all its pupils to participate in a wide range of sporting opportunities. It prides itself on making that for all pupils. The school has benefited from equipment and coaching from your organisation to ensure the school continues that approach. In these difficult times of Covid-19, sport and physical exercise is more important than ever in promoting well-being.

I am writing this letter in support in order that you may use this correspondence to persuade other organisations to support your club in funding to secure the future. I am sure if you are able to secure funds that our links with you will continue to thrive and another generation of sporting lovers and cricketers will flourish. I do hope this situation can be resolved for your club and that Broadwindsor can keep its ground.

The school community is very much thinking of you all

Kind Regards

Philip Smith
Headteacher

