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Dear Parents,

The safety and comfort of all our patrons is a top priority at Stokes Brown Public Library. We are honored that many parents make us part of one of the big steps toward independence for their child, being in a public place without a parent. We want that experience to be a positive one for your child and your family. You know your child best, make whatever arrangements for adult supervision that will help your child be successful. Some parents drop in on occasion to check in on their child or use another part of the building while their child is here.

At the library, unaccompanied minors are expected to conduct themselves according to all the same behavioral standards as adults. Physical horseplay, jumping off furniture, running, vaping indoors, and toy weapons will not be tolerated because of the risk of sickness/ injury to others. Libraries are generally not appropriate places for loud, profane, or abusive language as this is disruptive to others. We did see these behaviors daily last year, and it creates an unsafe, unpleasant environment for everyone. Please discuss these standards with your child before they use the library so they will understand what is expected of them. If they abide by these guidelines it will help everyone be safe and make this a great school year for all the SMS/ IA scholars who visit the library.

Please keep the following in mind:

1. The library is not a child care program. Children will not be supervised or monitored by staff.
2. Unattended minors who are unable to act responsibly will be asked to leave the premises. We will encourage them to use the phone to contact you, but can't make them do so.
3. We do not have parent contact information or access to children's names. If a medical or behavioral incident occurs we can not contact you.
4. We may communicate with the school system, law enforcement, and others about extreme or repetitive behavioral issues in an effort to notify parents. This may include the release of video footage or still images.

Thank you for working with us to make sure that everyone who visits the library has a positive, safe experience. If you have any questions you can contact me at director@gorhampl.org or via phone at 615-384-5123.

Sincerely,

Michelle Adcock
Library Director



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Dear Caregivers,

For the safety of the children, the library parking lot is not a pick up location for school dismissal. If you need to pick up your child and leave immediately please do not meet in the library parking lot. It is dangerous for a large number of cars to back out into the path of walking children. We had several near misses last year. It also causes difficulty for patrons who wish to visit the library after work or school as there is no parking.

The library encourages parents and caregivers to come inside the building to enjoy the space and wait for their child. Alternatively, many of the streets in the neighborhood do allow on street parking.

Thank you for working with us to help make sure everyone has a safe, pleasant visit to the library. If you have any questions please contact me at director@gorhampl.org or at 615-384-5123.

Sincerely,

Michelle Adcock
Library Director