



JHU/THO

23rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Health and Safety Concerns

I am writing this letter to all parents and carers due to concerns that have been raised recently regarding cars at the start and end of the school day. I am hoping that all parents and carers who travel by car can help us to solve the current situation we find ourselves in and follow the requests made in this letter.

Issue 1:

Lessons begin at 08:30 with students needing to be on site by 08:25 at the latest. This is due to the size of the school site and to ensure that they are sitting in their classrooms supervised by adults at 08:30. We are finding that an increasing number of cars are driving at an unsafe speed down the school drive to get their child to the gates after 08:25.

Request 1:

Please can we ask that parents and carers drive slowly down the school drive and drop their child off by 08:25. If you are running late, please continue to drive slowly due to the amount of children who are walking into school at that time. We request that speeds are below 20 miles per hour as this is a recommended safe speed in urban areas.

Issue 2: At collection time we are finding an increasing number of cars double parking and hindering access to and from the school drive.

Request 2: Please can we ask that parents and carers park appropriately and consider how an emergency vehicle would be able to access the school drive at drop off and pick up times. In addition, we would ask that parents and carers consider local residents access to their driveways as well as access to the roads around the estate.

Issue 3: Safety of students at the end of the school day.

Solution: To ensure that all students leave school site with a high level of supervision at the end of the school day we have closed the back gate to the end of this academic year. This means that we are able to have a high staff presence to support with over 1100 students leaving promptly and safely. We will review how this is working towards the end of the summer term.

Thank you in advance for your support in keeping all children safe as they travel to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hunter
Headteacher