



Wednesday, 22 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This year we have seen a considerable increase in traffic outside school when children are being dropped off and collected. As the road gets busier so does the risk to our students using the Selby Road crossing and Field End Road entrance. Only this morning did we witness a 'near miss' in which a pupil has narrowly avoided being struck by a car as it abruptly stopped in a designated no parking area, blocking the road and then quickly accelerating away again. This simply cannot continue and we ask for your complete support with this matter.

In addition, whilst writing, I would like to remind parents of the following:

- The expectation is that parents should not be dropping off their children driving into the school car park when dropping off or collecting their children. There has been an increasing number of parents who are driving into the main car park which is causing a lot of congestion at the start and end of the school day. This congestion causes safety issues for all of the school community. I would ask for parental support in making a change in this practice by planning to drop off or by parking further away from school.
- If there is a physical need for students or parents to drop off on school site, naturally, this will be accommodated through contacting your Pastoral Officer. Please do not park in the emergency bay which is opposite to reception under no circumstances. This must be left vacant for emergency services to use, if required.
- The speed limit in the school car park is 5 MPH and this is the expected speed at which cars should travel over the speed bumps. This speed is set in the interest of the safety of pedestrians using this car park. On more than one occasion, we have seen near misses due to parents driving too quickly.
- Sixth formers should note there are no parking areas allocated for their vehicles in the car park. Our only concern is to create a safer environment for our students as they arrive at and leave school.

Thank you, in advance, for working with us to create a culture where children's safety is our priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.

Best wishes

Mr Beecroft

