



CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE BEING PUT AT RISK!

Unfortunately I once again find myself having to write to a minority of parents regarding blatant disregard for the schools policy on parking and therefore a clear disregard for child safety.

I would like to start by apologising to the majority of parents who are receiving this flier who regularly put the safety of the children first and work with the school to keep them safe – this flier is not intended for you. We thank you for your continued support.

The policy of the school is very clear, parents are not allowed to park on the school drive. Parents are not allowed in a morning to drive up the drive to drop their children off, causing chaos by having to turn their vehicles around on the narrow drive when children are making their way to and from school. Yesterday parents or those picking children up on their behalf were parked on the yellow lines, making access to and from the site dangerous, this has also caused safety issues on the main Hillmorton Road. There have been reports of cars narrowly missing children and we have been **LUCKY** not to have had a serious injury this year.

If a family has a disabled badge and the person which the disability applies to is in the vehicle then this is an exception and there is a disabled parking bay. However we ask for families who this applies to that you arrive at school earlier and park earlier to pick your child up, to keep it safe for everyone.

In addition if a child is late or has been out at an appointment parents must not drop them off on the school drive and allow them to enter Reception on their own. It is the parents responsibility to escort them into the Reception and to speak to a member of staff.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

At the moment the school policy allows children to leave their scooters and bikes at their own risk in the bay near the school gates. There have been numerous reports of children riding at speed their scooters on the road. Staff leaving the school site have witnessed children riding scooters in front of cars without warning, putting their lives at risk. May I remind parents that children should not be on scooters/bikes, irrespective of the age of the child on the school site. Children who are seen riding their scooters on the school grounds which includes the school drive, will be banned from bringing them to school. If it continues then I will be left to issue a permanent ban for all children which I am reluctant to do. Parents must supervise their children at all times.

Unfortunately this flier has the tone of a GRUMPY HEADTEACHER. Those of you that know me well know that I am rarely GRUMPY but the children are at the heart of everything we do and when their safety and welfare is compromised by blatant disregard by adults it does make me very GRUMPY!

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