

AWO/LFO

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Dear Parents / Carers

Traffic Safety: Start and End of School Day

Over the last few weeks, we have experienced increasing levels of traffic around the school at the start and end of the school day, both on site and near to the school gates on Freshfield Road. With Winter weather now arriving, I anticipate this situation becoming even more challenging.

While most people drive safely and respectfully, I have unfortunately also witnessed an increasing amount of dangerous behaviour on behalf of some drivers that is placing students and other road users at risk. Too frequently, vehicles are seen speeding near to school and even on site, parking carelessly on yellow markings close to the school gates, and unnecessarily entering the school site to drop off and pick up students who could easily walk through the gates instead.

I am sure you share my sense of frustration at such behaviour. As headteacher, my priority is ensuring that students are safe and I will be introducing some substantial changes over the coming months to alleviate the issue of traffic entering the school site.

I would like to ask respectfully that all parents encourage children, wherever possible, to walk or cycle to school. If you choose to drop your child off, please do not stop in the vicinity of the school gates and be mindful of pedestrians when parking. Above all, I would ask that parents avoid driving into the school site to drop children off at school, unless there is a medical reason to do so.

I trust that you understand my concerns. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wood Headteacher