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Dear Parents and Carers

re: Student Safety Outside of the College Site

Unfortunately, I am writing to you to express concerns regarding vehicles being driven in the vicinity of the college site at the start and end of every school day.

We continue to have parents and carers ignoring the sign in order to drive right up to the college. There is simply not room to do this safely. We have nearly a thousand children and young people arriving at and exiting the building at these times and having vehicles trying to squeeze through or reverse around them is an obvious danger.

Some of our staff who have asked parents not to do so have received abuse or been sworn at by the drivers. I am fully aware that these individuals are not representative of the vast majority of our parents but I do have to make overt that our staff have the right to carry out their work (which includes keeping children safe), free from abuse, harassment and threat.

Please consider the safety of all of our students and other pedestrians in the area by dropping your children off in surrounding roads; Marnham Road, Warbro Road, Bronshill Road, or further away, rather than driving closer to the college. I appreciate that many people have time restrictions, such as having to get to work, etc., but this cannot be considered as more important than the safety of our students. Please avoid using Westlands Lane and the access lanes from St Paul's Crescent, Cary Park Road, or Warbro Road as these cannot cope with the volume of traffic.

There has been a recent incident where a parked car's handbrake failed and the car rolled towards students leaving the College at the end of the day. Thankfully, the swift response from teachers on duty prevented serious injuries to the children in the area. It has also been noted that drivers are waiting with their vehicles parked on the pavement of the lane near the entrance to the Swimming Pool's car park, blocking pedestrian use of the path. Please refrain from doing this.

We are relying on your cooperation with this matter and I hope that we can all work together in keeping our children safe. I do not want to be in a position where I have to inform you of an incident that has resulted in a student being seriously injured.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Agnew
Vice Principal