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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Message about Student Safety

It has been some time since I last wrote to parents and carers on the subject of the safety of our students beyond the Coronavirus situation. However, other dangers still exist and issues with vehicles in the area have increased noticeably since the school reopened.

Families with children who have been students at the college for a while may recall letters sent previously, asking parents and carers not to drive right up to the college to drop off and collect children from college, due to the risk of harm to the pedestrian students. After this request, the area became much safer as most people adhered to the restriction at the beginning and end of the school day. Unfortunately, some drivers have started using this area as a drop off and collection point again, despite the sign instructing not to. The safety of our students continues to also be put at risk by drivers collecting from the staff car park and the lane adjacent to it, and I fear that this will increase as we head into winter and less clement weather.

I reiterate my previous request for students to be dropped off and collected from a little further away from the college site, such as in Marnham Road, Warbro Road, Bronshill Road, or beyond. I do ask that drivers give due consideration to other road users, pedestrians and residents when choosing where to stop and let their passengers out of or into the vehicle and don't cause a hazard in these areas too.

All of the access lanes that pass the front of the swimming pool, the rear of Bronshill Road or the section of Westlands Lane directly from Bronshill Road become very congested and are best avoided. Parking on the lane and the footpath adjacent to the swimming pool car park entrance is never appropriate and several 'near-misses' have occurred due to parking here. I am investigating the possibility of further restrictions being introduced at our busy times.

This situation is currently an accident waiting to happen. I ask you all to consider the consequences upon everyone in our community, including our students but also the driver of any vehicle involved, should a serious incident occur. None of us are immune to accidents; please ask yourselves how you would feel should it happen to you.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I hope that we can all work together in keeping our children safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Newton'.

Ms A Newton
Principal