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## **Road Safety Outside School / Parents Driving**

Dear Parents / Carers,

As some of you may aware, there was an incident today where a child was hit by a car. We believe that the child has not suffered any major injuries, but it could have been much worse. This is not the first time this type of incident has happened on Dryclough Road and I am frustrated that I am having to write to you all again. I am not in the habit of lecturing parents on how they conduct themselves outside of school but these injuries and incidents are preventable and often caused by lack of care by car users and need addressing. I also want to thank the vast majority of parents who already fully comply with the laws and rules of the road to ensure our children are safe and are as concerned we are about these incidents.

Having been out on the road on numerous occasions, I have witnessed some very poor driving, parking and attitude of a minority of parents. You as parents have a duty to make sure you keep your own children safe in the car, and use your car in such a manner as to keep other vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists etc) safe too. You also have a responsibility to supervise your children crossing the road in a safe manner.

Behaviour by some parents which is witnessed on a daily basis includes:

- Stopping on the zig-zag yellow lines to pick up / drop off.
- Stopping in the middle of the road to pick up / drop off.
- Blocking drives of other houses, preventing safe places to cross.
- Parking on double yellow lines near the shop.
- Parking in the bus stop.
- Children and adults not wearing seatbelts or proper child seats.
- Adults driving whilst on their phones.
- Parents driving back and forward along Dryclough Road looking for a space to park instead of driving a couple of hundred metres down the road and having a 2/3 minute walk to school.
- Children running across the road, even when adults are present.
- Trying to drive down the school drive and park without a permit.

**THESE BEHAVIOURS PUT THE LIFE OF YOUR OWN CHILD AND THE LIFE OF OTHERS AT RISK.  
SOME ARE ILLEGAL AND YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW.**

**As a school we work very hard with your children in terms of helping them to understand how to keep safe. We can only do this effectively if you, as parents, take your responsibilities seriously to model safe, correct and legal behaviours for your children.**

We will continue to work with the council and Police to keep the roads as safe as we can. If you do decide to drive your children to school rather than walk (most children live less than 10 minutes walk away) it will do them no harm to walk a for a few minutes with you to school from a safe and quiet parking spot.

If you wish to speak to me or a member of my senior leadership team about this issue, then please feel free to call into school.

Kind regards  
Mr Bendall (Headteacher)



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