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PARKING CONCERNS

Dear Parents/Carers,

In the past few months, we have been contacted by several parents regarding the current parking and traffic concerns impacting our school every day. I have to say that I share some of the concerns raised and whilst I feel that the issues are very much a problem in many schools across the country, it would be remiss of me to ignore the obvious dangers that are visible to us all.

The County school traffic management car has been to our area on several occasions now and I suspect these visits will continue for some time. The role of this particular officer is to challenge any illegal parking near schools.

Every year across the UK children are injured in road traffic incidents outside schools. Every year Headteachers and school leaders attempt to tackle this issue. In truth, there is very little that we can do as we have no jurisdiction or power to implement or enforce measures such as fines etc.

Recently, I have spoken to some of our children and they suggest they don't feel very safe near the roads outside school. They feel concerned and would like me to do something about this.

I must ask that all members of our school community park legally and considerately near our school. Please think about the option of walking to school or maybe even car sharing. It may also help if all parents could come through the school gate when collecting their children. Please think about the congestion that builds up around the roads outside school and if you have any great ideas to improve the picture... get in touch and help us to make the situation better for our KEPS children.

Our bollards raise awareness and add a physical deterrent. We also have a couple of awareness signs too. Unfortunately it appears that people have become 'too familiar' with these initiatives and I feel the need to ask parents again to think carefully about parking and driving near school.

Ultimately, I am sure everyone would agree, we all want to keep our school community safe. The roads around us are busy and if we can change just a few things... perhaps we will make a big difference and potentially save lives.

As ever, I know our community will be fully behind this message. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Andy Callaghan – Wetton
Headteacher



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