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RE: Health and Safety Update at pick up and drop off

Dear Parents/Carers

We have become increasingly concerned about both children's and families' safety at the beginning and end of the day. Despite obvious signage and frequent requests on newsletters, we continue to have people walking across the grassed areas, through the car park, as well as cars using the car park to drop off or pick up. This is resulting in unnecessary near misses. We have to act now in order to prevent an accident.

Following advice from our Health and Safety officer today, we will be robustly implementing our health and safety expectations.

Please be aware of the following:

- Sycamores children will no longer leave school into the car park areas. They will go back to walking round the back of school and out of the gate by Willows, as they did before Covid. If you are coming to meet a Y6 child, please do not come into the car park – please use the main pedestrian gate, walk up the steps and meet them in the playground.
- For all families picking up on foot, please use the main pedestrian gate for both entry and exit to the school grounds. Please do not walk through the car park, or across the grass.
- If families are picking up with a pushchair, please come through the pedestrian gate in the car park and walk up the edge of the car park and then onto the footpath along the front of school. Please do not take a shortcut through the car park.
- Please do not attempt to enter the car park in a vehicle to drop off and pick up children, unless you are a current blue badge holder.
- For anyone needing to use the disabled parking space, please make sure you have your blue badge displayed if we have not already seen it. Make sure you use the designated disabled space and follow the steps down onto the footpath. Please do not park in the lower car park. If the disabled space is occupied, please just wait in a safe place until it is vacated.

Many thanks for your support in keeping everyone safe whilst on our school grounds.

Headteacher



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*I alone know the plans I have for you; plans for the future you hope for.
Jeremiah 29:11*

