

Mr D Roberts, Headteacher

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Re: School drop off and pick up

Dear Everyone,

It's that time of year when it is cold and a little grey. This means it is harder to get out of bed and harder to walk or cycle in such inclement weather. We all understand. However, this is causing myself, the governors, teachers, parents, neighbours and the local community a great deal of concern.

The current level of drop-off/pick-up mayhem caused by, not only, the number of vehicles but also the thoughtless and selfish actions of some drivers is an embarrassment to our community, but also a real and present danger to the children we all, when we stop and think for a moment, are trying to protect and support.

My historic response has been to ask all complainants to report poor driving practice to 101. We have also informed our local councillor, traffic wardens and our local PSCOs. However, we all understand that such services are stretched and cannot police the roads all of the time.

So, I ask you, please stop and think for a moment to consider how else you could travel to and from school before there is an injury or worse to a local resident or child in our school. Please stop and think about that before it happens. Please stop and think for a moment.

If you can, set the alarm 5/10 minutes early and **walk** or **ride** to school. This helps not only the safety of all the children but also your own physical health and the local and global environment.

If you have no alternative but to drive, please set the alarm 5/10 minutes earlier and park 2 or 3 minutes away from the school gate where there is ample space. This will prevent the roads directly outside school becoming congested.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I do hope you will be able to support the community to be a safe place for all of our children and community members.

Yours sincerely,

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