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Making a Difference for our Future

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Traffic and safety outside school

The Governors have been monitoring a growing concern over the safety of children and adults around our school entrance due to the increase in traffic around the gated area. Anyone dropping off or collecting children will know that the area immediately outside school grounds is busier than usual since the return to school for the whole school community in March.

All schools have to follow Covid-19 guidelines set out by the Department for Education and therefore staggered start and finish times of the school day will continue until we are notified of any changes. This means that some parents have to wait for a period of time in between dropping off/collecting multiple children and so there are more parents around the school grounds and for longer periods of time, often with people waiting at the front of school.

It has become apparent that more and more cars are parking, stopping and dropping off children at the front of school, **which is not permitted**. This sign, right outside school indicates 'No Stopping 8.00 am – 4.00pm' and any cars stopping, or parking here are putting all children and parents at risk as they cross the road and navigate their arrival at school.



In addition, both large entrance gates now have to be open at the start and end of the school day to help the flow of parents and children in and out of school to remain socially distanced. There are lots of people walking in front of these gates to access Meadowside - **It is not a turning area for cars.** Some parents have prior permission to drive into or park in the school car park but no other cars should need to drive through the width restrictor outside school. There are zig zag lines on one side of the road there and a single yellow line on the opposite side of the road that indicates 'no waiting or parking during the times shown on nearby signs'. ***Please stop parking in this area.***



We all have busy lives and often have work or other commitments straight after/before school runs either side of the day, so we are all pushed for time but there are plenty of access points close enough to school where you can park safely and walk the short distance to the school gates. We'd like to remind you that all Meadowside parents and carers have permission to use the car park next to the canal, at Rea bridge – just a short [5-minute](#) walk from school, if you cannot find somewhere closer to park.

Please share this information with any other people who drop off or collect your child (ren) from school e.g. childminders, grandparents, other family members or friends.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

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