



Road Safety Information

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping children safe as they travel to and from school must be a priority for us all.

Thank you to everyone who drives and parks responsibly.

However, last week West Sussex County Council sent Parking Enforcement Officers to patrol the roads at the start and end of the day. Feedback received from them highlighted (with photographic evidence) a number of parents/carers who simply stopped in the middle of the road to let their children out or pulled up on the no-stopping road markings to drop off their children - all scenarios that could cause serious harm to pedestrians.

Please park responsibly so all children are safe when crossing the roads near the school.

Also, can I remind everyone that we need to respect the needs of our neighbours around the school. Below is one example of a recent correspondence received from a local resident.

I live in Parham Road - so not directly near to the school, however there are a large number of parents who drive along Parham Road both in the mornings and afternoon school run times at a speed far too high and actually dangerous for a small residential street.

The majority of houses in our road have shared driveways and so we cannot park on the driveway in case we block our neighbours. So therefore most people park on the street. All the residents pull up on to the pavement partially to ensure the road is not blocked but when there are cars parked on both sides it only leaves space for one car to pass at a time. I have been confronted with mostly large 4 x 4 vehicles coming at me at 50 miles per hour with absolutely nowhere to go! In the 2 weeks or so that the children have been back at school, i have witnessed several very near misses.

As far as i can see the only reason they drive along Parham road and then go down Greatham road is to avoid waiting in a queue to get out onto the A24 at the bottom of your road, or at Hillview Rise.

Are these parents in so much of a rush that they have to endanger residents, pets and visitors by bombing along at such a speed without any consideration for other road users!?

I appreciate this is not your problem, but i feel that if this continues there will be an accident so it needs to be addressed quickly. I will be contacting the local MP and ask for them to look into this matter also.

This is just one example of a number of complaints we have received recently from residents and other parents about inconsiderate driving and parking in the local area.

We cannot press upon you enough the need for consideration at the start and end of the school day. We are very concerned that a child may be seriously hurt, or worse, if things don't improve. Thank you, in anticipation, for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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