



11th September 2023

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Punctuality

Please ensure your child is in school by 8:40am latest (9am on Wednesdays); after this time they are recorded as 'late'. We would ask you to keep yourselves up to date with any planned road works that may impact your child's journey to school and, where necessary, leave more time for their journey so that they can arrive on time.

Student Road Safety

The start and end of the school day is an increasingly busy time outside school and indeed on surrounding roads. This, therefore, poses a risk to our students and so we would like you to support us in reiterating the messages that we share at school around road safety.

All too often our students can be engrossed in their conversations, engaged on their mobile phones talking or listening to music; as a result, they are not as aware of other road users as they should be. In most cases where there are near misses, the child has not been behaving in a silly or inappropriate manner, but is just not giving enough due care and attention to what is an incredibly busy and very dangerous environment.

Some of the messages that we have shared and will continue to share with the students are as below; once again we would appreciate your time in reinforcing these:

- Listening to loud music and/or talking on a mobile phone, so that road noise cannot be heard, impedes our ability to be fully aware of our surroundings and limits our ability to manage the risks around us
- Use pedestrian crossings where available
- Do not cross the road between cars

For those parents who collect/drop off students to/from school in vehicles, please may we ask that you are mindful of the dangers brought about by stopping vehicles in moving traffic to let children jump out. This is commonly seen immediately outside the school gates where vehicles stop, even though the traffic lights at the pelican crossing are on green, often leading to near misses as children dart across the road and/or other road users do not expect a sudden vehicle stop.

With this in mind you will have also seen our recent messages relating to inconsiderate parking locally, which not only causes frustration to our neighbours, but also increases the risks to our students. Please park legally and considerately.

Driving and Parking on the School Site

In line with Health & Safety and in order to protect our students and staff from potential accidents, **vehicles should not be driven on to the school site to drop off or collect students after 8.00am or before 4.30pm**; the only exception to this would be if you were to collect a child due to ill health or a medical appointment, or you have been given authorisation to drive on site. When driving on the school site, please ensure you drive extremely slowly and carefully.



Please organise your pick up/drop off point elsewhere. **If you are parking near to the school site**, please ensure you park considerately, legally and safely.

Please do not:

- ✘ stop in a bus stop
- ✘ park on double yellow lines
- ✘ park across residents' driveways and blocking access to their own drives
- ✘ park at Knowle United Reformed Church (on Station Road) as this is private property

We would encourage all students to walk to school where possible.

We would be very grateful for your co-operation in safeguarding our students and preventing a serious accident by keeping traffic on site to a minimum at all times.

Please note: there is no vehicle access for parents/guardians to the rear of the school site and we would ask that you do not use the driveway on the right as you come into school; this area is used by delivery drivers and is for staff only parking and staff only access to parking at the rear of school. Please use the front car park when dropping students off for an early morning club or collecting them from a club at the end of the school day. This also extends to clubs that your child may attend outside school or at weekends.

Many thanks, as always, for your support and consideration in these very important matters.

Yours sincerely



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