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Staff car park barrier - Access to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with further details about the installation of the staff car park barrier. Governors have a duty to safeguard the staff, children and premises. As a result of concerns for the safety and security of children, their parents and visitors accessing the school through the staff car park our governing board took the decision before the summer to have the barrier to the staff car park installed. Installing the barrier means that children, parents and visitors now access the school building via the safer route of the pedestrian footpaths.

I am sorry that the installation of the new barrier may have been upsetting for some of our parents who previously accessed the staff car park. Although I did make you aware of the installation of the barrier in the school newsletter before the summer holidays, I apologise for not clarifying the situation in more detail earlier.

We would ask that you try to understand that as a large school with over 670 children, we cannot accommodate large numbers of cars with children and parents entering our already crowded car park especially at the start and at the end of the school day. It is not possible to safely accommodate the increasing number of cars and children being dropped off in the car park. As you know, Scotchman Road is very busy before and after school, and I urge you to take the healthy option if you can and walk to school. This would leave more space outside for families who have to drive. You will be aware that space is at a premium in our staff car park and we have one designated disabled parking space. In response to concerns raised, the school has also applied to the local authority to have two more disabled car parking spaces designated outside of the school and these should be installed shortly.

The governing board fully recognises their duties to make provision for children, parents or visitors who have disabilities and additional needs to be able to access the school. We will consider individual cases and put the necessary arrangements in place to enable children, parents/carers or visitors who have difficulties accessing the school. **Where access to school remains a concern, please contact school directly to discuss individual circumstances and the school will make suitable arrangements so that children and their parents/carers can access the school safely.**

You will appreciate we do have a duty to safeguard the children, parents, staff and visitors to access our site safely.

Kind regards
Lorraine Martin
Headteacher



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