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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were very happy to see the new 20mph signs go up on Friday – the reduced speeds required in the vicinity of the school should decrease the risk for all. It has been a hard won battle to have the speed limits in the area reduced, so I would ask everyone to please follow them.



Drop-off Zone

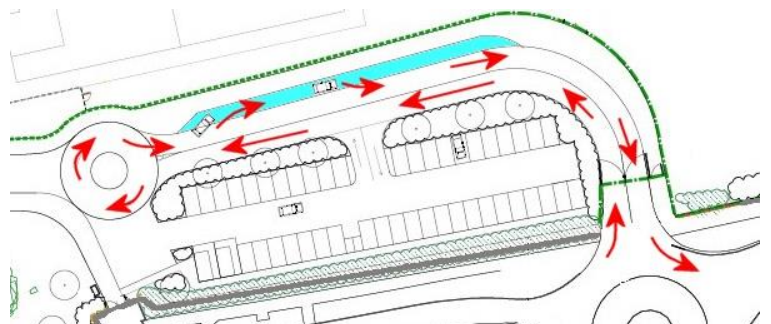
Members of the school community have reported with concern that the Drop-Off Zone is being abused once more, hence this reminder of its purpose and the monitoring to be re-implemented, including by our supportive police team.

The Drop-off Zone is for the quick dropping-off of pupils (junior only) who can then access the school site without an accompanying adult – **it is NOT a place where cars should be left unattended (i.e. parked).** If you are transporting children younger than Year 3, please do not use the zone at all.

Reminder signs have been placed at either end of the zone, as shown below, and regular monitoring will be in place. This does of course divert staff from more productive tasks, but unfortunately seems necessary once more.



If using the zone, please **approach it having gone round the internal roundabout**, such that your car comes to rest (briefly) facing away from the school building – ignoring this guidance shows a lack of consideration for others following the rules, and poses a risk when leaving the space against the flow of traffic.



Parking

We do recognise, despite the council and national drive to encourage healthy journeys to school (i.e. walking, cycling and scootering, which also reduce pollution onsite), that some parents live too far away or have morning commitments that make this less realistic. There are, however, parking options nearby that should be used instead of the Drop-off Zone or Staff Car Park – in particular, **the Rake and Pikel car park, kindly offered by the management to school users.**

If using this, it is advisable to complete the journey on foot via the two pedestrian crossings and through the white gate, rather than cross near the roundabout outside the pub.

No one without a permit should park in the Staff Car Park, unless they are assisting the school in a pre-arranged role (e.g. volunteer reader, transporting children to a sports event).

Car Park permits can be applied for if pupils and/or family members have mobility or other issues which require them to have ready access to the school building, either on a temporary or permanent basis. These permits must always be displayed on car dashboards when parking here, and the registration numbers of those cars parked will be checked on an ongoing basis to deter abuse of the system.

If everyone can follow both the new speed limits and our guidance for the use of school facilities, the safety of everyone's journey to school should be improved, and harmful pollution and congestion in and around our school reduced, for everyone's benefit.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Rose', written in a cursive style.

Mr Rose,
Headteacher