



## INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Health and Safety of our children

#### Car Park

I am writing to advise all parents and carers that we still have concerns regarding the safety and use of the car park. We recently had new signage put up at the front of the car park gate informing parents that the car park is for STAFF only. Parents/carers are not permitted to use the staff car park at any time during the day and this includes before and after school clubs. I do appreciate the fact that parking in the side roads is becoming increasingly difficult especially since the introduction of parking permits in certain roads but I myself manage to park in the neighbouring roads when unable to open the car park gates. Several parents have been spotted sitting in their cars in the staff car park and waiting for school to begin. Due to this the school gates will be locked and once again this will be closely monitored. The only time parents/carers are permitted to use the staff car park is if they are needed for a medical emergency or due to illness.

#### Grapes and Cherry Tomatoes

As you may already be aware there have been a couple of incidents nationally where children have choked on grapes and cherry tomatoes. As a school we have listened and taken on board the health and safety advice and any grapes or cherry tomatoes provided by the school will be cut in to halves with grapes being cut lengthways. Please could I ask all parents to do this if you are sending in these types of snacks for your children since we are unable to check every lunch box.

#### School Crossing

There have recently been two dangerous incidents on the pedestrian crossing. Our School Crossing Patrol Officer, David Hunnikin, who operates on the Lawn Lane crossing site between 8.20am and 9.05, and 2.50pm and 3.40pm has asked us to give you the following guidance to you so that we can keep everyone safe! Motorists – parents/carers who drive their children to school should not allow children to disembark from the vehicles on the zig-zag lines adjacent to the zebra crossing as this is particularly hazardous. Pedestrians – please wait until the patrol is in the middle of the road and instructs you that it is safe to cross before stepping off the kerb. Cyclists and scooter riders must dismount and walk across the road. If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all of our children are kept safe

Yours sincerely

Mrs Amanda Reid  
Headteacher

