



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Road Safety at the start and end of the school day**

A number of you have been in touch with concerns about road safety at the start and end of the school day. I know from these conversations and from witnessing it myself, that people are often driving too quickly, parking illegally on double yellow and zigzag lines and, on occasions, being quite aggressive towards other drivers.

As a school, we take our responsibilities around safety very seriously and provide children with a safe, secure and caring environment that gives children the right conditions to learn and be successful. I believe we also have a responsibility to work with parents and the local community to ensure that children are able to reach school safely.

We have children from age 3 right through to 11 at our school. Many of our children are not as tall as a car and therefore are potentially almost invisible to a fast moving vehicle.

Please can I ask that you take a moment to reflect on your school journey and in particular consider:

- adding an extra minute or two onto your journey by driving slower and thereby avoiding a potential disaster.
- avoiding driving down Amberley Road altogether, parking on a different road and walking with your child to and from school for the last bit to avoid a build-up of traffic and the need to potentially park illegally

I know the police are planning additional patrols in the area and Westminster City Council will shortly be consulting on new traffic proposals but in reality, we would not need these additional measures if we were all being safe.

I am very happy to discuss any of these issues with you and thank you for your support.

Best Wishes

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