



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, there was an incident on the last day before half term in which a car was driven dangerously in the school car park. Whilst no one was hurt on that occasion, there have been an increasing number of concerns about thoughtless and inconsiderate driving and parking both in our car park and on Boundary Way in general.

We have been working closely with Penn Fields School and our other local partners to review the parking and traffic situation and I would like to share with you the outcomes of this. Student safety is of course of paramount importance in these decisions.

From Monday 4th March 2024, we would ask that **parents do not use the school car park before and after school to drop off or collect** students except in exceptional circumstances such as where there are mobility issues.

The gates to the school car park will be locked **between 2:40pm and 2:55pm** and no cars will be able to enter or leave the car park during this period. Before school, only the access gate will be open and as such exiting the car park will be difficult.

We would request that parents and carers park on the roads in the surrounding area to drop off and collect their children.

In an ideal world, we would rather that parents and carers avoided Boundary Way altogether at the start and end of the school day as the congestion outside of school increases the risk of injury to the vast majority of students who travel to school on foot, by bicycle or on public transport.

Residents on Boundary Way are also becoming increasingly frustrated and local councillors have requested additional support from the police and traffic enforcement officers in monitoring the situation.

Penn Fields School is also writing to their parents and carers today with some revised drop off and collection arrangements which we hope will also contribute to the smoother flow of traffic.

We would ask you to drive and park with care and consideration in the area around school and to be mindful of local residents who may need access to their properties. If we do this then all of our students and those in the local community will be safer for it.

Yours sincerely

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