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Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to send a quick message with an update upon the start of term, to first of all, provide an update on the single point of entry and exit at the start and end of the day. Like all changes to a routine, this has taken a bit of practice and habit changing to start to deliver on the benefits that this aims to bring. Having been on the gate last week at the end of the day every day, it is clear that the staggering of our exit has led to a much calmer and more controlled exit for the students. Similarly, this morning I was able to observe a calm but busy start to the day. It is a genuine pleasure to be able to greet students in all years, every morning and wish them well for the day ahead, as well as put in support quickly for those that need it.

Two issues that we have been able to much better observe with our staff resources more focused on one entry and exit point, is the need to constantly reinforce road safety with students. The little things that seem common sense, need constantly reinforcing. Like if a car is parked jutting out into the road – going around it on the pavement and not the main road side – looking at the road and not phones when crossing, walking and not running when crossing the road and looking both ways. I can assure you that we are reminding the students of this at school, however your support in reinforcing these messages to your children will really help secure a safe journey to and from school. Another element that will really support this is considerate parking and dropping off of children, ensuring that you do not park on double yellow lines or the zigzags outside the school. While it is only a small minority of parents who are doing this, the impact upon the safety of students and the movement of traffic compels me to repeatedly ask all parents to ensure they do not park on the pavements, double yellow lines and zigzags.

Thank you for your support in this. We continue to observe, review and refine what we are doing to support a safe, positive and successful start and end to the school day.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Foster

Headteacher