



Burscough Priory Academy
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Dear Parent,

We allow Year 7, 8 and 9 to leave school from 3.10pm onwards to manage the flow onto what are two busy roads, Trevor and Liverpool. This is a conscious and very deliberate decision to support the safety of our students - this is in our control. The changes to parking regulations at the Stanley have made the roads surrounding school busier and more congested and this is beyond our control. Behind school, by the Spar, there is an access road but given its size and proximity to the shop and road, this would add further risk in this area.

Some observations:

- There are yellow zig zags outside school with very clear no parking directions – twice this week so far, this space has been used for pick up and drop off of students.
- The turning circle is for the school buses – cars are parking and making it very difficult for children to safely enter and exit their bus.
- Trevor Road has become increasingly busy and pedestrians cannot use the path because of cars bumping on pavements. Driveways on the are blocked at the end of school in particular which is not fair for our neighbours.
- There were two examples of hazardous drop offs – last minute changes of direction which could be dangerous to anyone in the vicinity. Equally, there were three occasions where three-point turn manoeuvres were made right outside the school gates.

We appreciate that it was extraordinarily wet yesterday and this will have contributed to the volume, clearly this was exceptional. However, other days have seen similar examples akin to those noted.

As a school community, we all need to work together to manage this for the benefit of our students, hence this message. In the interests of the safety of our children, please:

- Wherever possible, walk to and from school.
- Allow the buses to use the turning circle – they have priority.
- If your child uses their bike, please remind the to do this safely and responsibly by wearing a helmet.
- Use dedicated school buses or public transport if this is an option.
- If you do need to collect your child, organise a place the is away from school following a short walk – the impact of this cannot be understated. This will relieve a huge amount of pressure on the road outside school and mitigate the risk of increased traffic and parking.

Please accept this in the spirit that it is intended - this is to ensure the safety of our students, staff and our community and support our friends who live near school. Your support is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

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