

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carer,

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority. Last week, two of our students were involved in two different accidents on the road. Our school community has been shaken by these events and this week in school we shall be responding to these accidents by talking to our students and reminding them about the importance of road safety.

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to have similar conversations at home. We will be reminding students to **take the utmost care when they are crossing the road**, and to inform them that sometimes cars may not see them as pedestrians or act in the way we would assume they should. We cannot be too careful when crossing roads.

Although we assume that it is younger children who are most at risk, statistics show that it is actually 11 – 15 year olds who are at more risk from accidents that result in serious injury. The majority of accidents happen between 3 and 7pm.

Please can we also request again that **parents do not drop off students close to the school**. This is causing problems on local roads. The school receives complaints on a regular basis relating to poor driving, inappropriate parking and the unsafe 'dropping off' of children. This creates further concerns about the safety of our students, as well as adding to the problem of air pollution in the local area. Once they are attending High School, we encourage all students to make their way to school independently, by walking or cycling, which also means that they have an active, healthy start to the day.

Many thanks for your ongoing support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Morris  
Headteacher