



UNSWORTH ACADEMY



Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very distressing incident happened outside of school on Monday morning. One of our Year 8 learners was struck by a car as she crossed the road opposite our entrance gates. It was a heart wrenching situation. Emergency services were quickly on the scene and local people stopped to help. The parents of our Year 8 learner were fabulous in the face of every Mum and Dad's worst nightmare. We are delighted, and relieved beyond belief, to tell you that our learner is recovering well and has avoided long-term injury. All of us, every student/member of staff/parent, wish her the very best with her continued recuperation.

It is essential that we take action as a school community, so this doesn't happen again. I see three ways in which we must take collective action:

1. Unsworth Academy, and our neighbours Brookhaven, will redouble our lobbying for better traffic management and road safety systems to be put in place on Parr Lane. Both organisations have been requesting action on this matter for a prolonged period. We will intensify these demands and seek the support of our local councillor.
2. Parents must observe the road markings and not block exits onto Parr Lane. Although not linked to this terrible incident, these habits at drop off and pick up are making the situation more dangerous. I write frequently about this, and I also ask that parents don't drive onto the site unless pre-arranged with ourselves. Please adhere to these requests.
3. We must continue to educate our Unsworth students about road safety. Our Personal Development Curriculum does include learning about road safety, but it will be reviewed in coming days.

We will update you re these actions in forthcoming Friday letters/videos.

Apart from the accident, we have had a good week. A particular highlight was our Be Safe day on Tuesday, which involved sessions from GMP, Fire Service and GM Transport. Amongst an array of sporting events we hosted a girls football tournament, had success in boys basketball, girls netball and boys football. Our Sports Studies students also had a great time doing their High Ropes Assessments.

We head into week 8 of the Half Term on Monday before what will be a well-deserved rest for learners at Half Term.

Thank you all and particularly for your support with our endeavours to improve the safety of Parr Lane.

Kind Regards,

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