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The Drop-off and Collection Protocol and Safety Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, and we hope that the children have settled back into their routines over the past few days.

We are very fortunate to have a Stop and Drop facility, a designated pedestrian crossing and a footpath directly outside the school. These facilities are in place to help make arrival and collection as safe and efficient as possible for all our children and families.

We kindly ask for your continued cooperation in using these areas correctly and in keeping the safety of our children at the forefront at all times.

Stop and Drop Facility

When using the Stop and Drop facility, please:

- Drive as far forward as possible towards the front door before stopping, allowing as many cars as possible to use the facility safely and efficiently.
- Ensure that children use the designated pathway with the handrail when entering and leaving the school.
- Please do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the Stop and Drop area.
- If you need to accompany your child into the school or have an appointment, please park elsewhere and do not use the Stop and Drop area for this purpose. Leaving vehicles unattended or remaining in the area can quickly lead to congestion and makes it more difficult for other families to use the facility safely.

For the safety of all our children, children must exit the car on the footpath side of the Stop and Drop facility only. Please do not allow children to exit on the road side, as this is particularly dangerous. Vehicles may be overtaking, and drivers may not see a child stepping out onto the road. Please do not allow children to exit on the road side. This is extremely dangerous as vehicles may be overtaking and drivers may not see a child stepping onto the road.

Using the Pedestrian Crossing

Children should only cross the main road using the designated pedestrian crossing outside the school gates. We would encourage all parents and children to make a habit of using the designated pedestrian crossing every day. By consistently using the safe, designated route, we can all help to keep our children safe.

The main road is extremely busy, and crossing at any other point, in particular the small roundabout near the school, presents a significant safety risk.

Morning Arrival

A gentle reminder that all children should enter the school each morning through the pedestrian gates at the end of the school.

The main front door at Reception is for children in Miss Blake's class only.

Sharing the Drop-off and Collection Protocol

This letter outlines the school's Stop and Drop plan and highlights the importance and responsibility of all parents and guardians in following these procedures to ensure the safety of all pupils arriving at and leaving school.

We would ask that you please share this information with any childminders, grandparents, other family members or anyone else who may be dropping off or collecting your child from school. It is important that everyone using the school's drop-off and collection facilities is familiar with and follows the same procedures.

Collection Time – Patience and Safety

We would also ask everyone to please be mindful that, with a school of our size, it naturally takes a little time for all children to leave the premises safely at home time. **Safety must always be our paramount consideration**, and we appreciate your patience while this process takes place.

On any given day, within approximately ten minutes, **around 95% of children have left the school premises**. We therefore ask that everyone allows the process to run its course, rather than feeling under pressure to rush or use the facilities incorrectly. With patience, courtesy and the correct use of the Stop and Drop and pedestrian areas, we are confident that collection can run smoothly and safely for everyone.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation. We know that drop-off and collection times can be busy, and we really appreciate everyone working together to ensure that these areas remain safe, clear and accessible for all. The safety of our children is our shared priority, and your support makes a real difference.

Kind regards,

MICHAEL FEENEY
Principal



