Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Road safety at West Acton

I am afraid that I have to write a new letter on an old subject about which I have contacted you before. I am very concerned at the dangerous driving practices around the school at drop off in the mornings. I know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and finding parking can be a challenge, but we cannot tolerate unsafe and illegal traffic behaviour such as stopping your car on the Zebra crossing to let your child get out of the car.

It is imperative that when parents drop off their children they demonstrate due care and attention and do not put their own and other children at risk. Despite polite requests in the newsletters last year, I have been contacted by parents about inconsiderate parking and dangerous driving – a child was injured last year due to this. This is a serious matter as it could lead to an injury, or worse, if not stopped. To make this matter even worse it seems that is a very few of our own families who are making this terrible situation putting their own children and those of others at risk.

The parking restrictions on the road surrounding the school are there for a reason and form a vital tool in the safeguarding of both children and their families travelling to and from school. We had an advertisement out for a lollipop lady for several months but there were no applicants. I am pleased to announce however, that our Billy and Belinda Bollards have been fitted after one year of continuous pressure from myself. The bollards act as warning that drivers are approaching a school area but by no means can they solve this issue.

Adults and children should also dismount their scooter or bike on entering school. We do also speak to suppliers who send delivery vans to us in the mornings – please do let us know of any trade vehicles which are not driving safely.

Finally, it goes without saying that under no circumstance should a child be left alone in a car during drop off or pick up times and would be taken as a serious safeguarding concern.

I know that many of you will read this and be shocked and disheartened, as you always park appropriately and with consideration for others. If you do witness any actions outside school that concern you, I suggest that you report it to the police using the 101 number, as well as informing us.

Yours faithfully
Karen Kondo
Headteacher
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