

## **PARKING NEAR SCHOOL**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Re: Child Safety- parking near our schools**

As you may be aware both schools on this site have tried to introduce a system to manage social distancing. However, the ongoing parking issues at both entrances to the schools is now a matter of concern. Not only for social distancing purposes but also for the safety of the many parents and children that sensibly either park a short distance away and walk to school or choose to walk the whole route from home. Persistent inappropriate parking on pavements used by parents with children and babies with buggies is causing them to have to use the road. This is clearly dangerous and must stop.

We are concerned over the number of reported near-misses that relate to inappropriate parking and driving near to the school entrances. The schools fear that it's only a matter of time before a young child is either seriously injured, or worse, by a parent during the peak drop off and pick up times or by parking inconsiderately on the pavements of Green Lane, Green Link or the Round Meade.

We are saddened that there are still a minority of our parents who refuse to drive and park sensibly (despite the polite requests from staff, police and local authority officers). Walking the few extra yards to help ensure children are safe is not a big ask.

The school benefits from being in a beautiful, quiet area but these benefits are sadly being compromised by some individuals who do not park appropriately.

We have been extremely polite in asking people to park a little bit further away

so, to help tackle this serious risk, the schools have decided to:

- **send a letter to any parent who persists in ignoring our requests and provide the relevant enforcing authority with photographic evidence of anyone who breaks the law;**

We sincerely hope the next correspondence on this issue is not to offer our sympathies to a family whose child has been injured or worse.

Anyone seeing an individual parking inappropriately can report them to Merseyside Police, using the following email address: [monika.kot@merseyside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:monika.kot@merseyside.pnn.police.uk)

