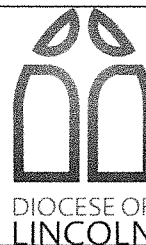


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Dear Parents and Carers

Safeguarding Start and End of the Day

You will recall at the start of term procedures for the beginning and end of school day were circulated to parents and carers. I hope you have taken the opportunity to read these and share the key points with your child/ren to support us in ensuring all children, including the children who attend pre-school, are safe. You can find a copy of these procedures on the school website under the safeguarding tab.

I'm sure you will appreciate the beginning and end of the school day is very busy with the volume of people coming and going. It really helps if you can model the expectations that are set for the children. Therefore please

- Access the school site through one of the pedestrian gates and not the vehicular access gate
- Ensure your child uses the pedestrian crossing independently and/or with you
- Stay on the playground once on the school site - a small number of children have had to be reminded not to leave the school site once on the premises (including those who walk to school independently).
- Dismount from scooters and cycles when on the school grounds.

Congestion and Parking Concerns

Unfortunately there were serious issues yesterday regarding congestion and parking including staff access to the car park. Thank you to the parents who contacted us to feedback their concerns. We recognise on rainy days there is more congestion and it's tempting to pull up at the gate or come into the car park.

The following people are authorised to use the school car park:

- All staff
- Authorised blue badge holders who have registered their badge with the school (including any drivers who need to access Dunholme Pre-school)
- Kids Club users **prior to 8 am**
- Service vehicles / visitors by arrangement
- Emergency vehicles

The school gates are open until 8 am and then half closed to enable staff to access the car park in line with their start times.

If you are having to drive to school, due to an onward journey, please park responsibly in the locality.

There is still ongoing congestion on Allwood Road and Swan Close – for new parents please be aware that you can exit the estate onto Honeyholes Lane to avoid turning around and then turn left or right to continue your onward journey. Following a number reports from parents there still remains a problem with parking on or close to the junctions in particular on Allwood Road, Swan Close and Watery Lane. Please be mindful of each other and local residents who may need to exit their properties.

We are currently reviewing the arrangements with Karen Maughn the Kids Club Manager, PCSO Angie Law (please see the reverse of the letter for guidance on the Law) and our newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers Macey Dickinson and Imama Rajput. As part of this we will be monitoring the situation over the coming week.

If for any reason you find yourself running late please take a few minutes to park responsibly in the locality ensuring the **vehicular access remains clear at all times** to ensure emergency services can access the site.

I hope we can work together to make sure every child is safe. In the meantime if you need further clarification or have any constructive solutions please get in touch.

Many thanks

Patricia Ruff
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Headteacher



Parking Outside Schools

21st September 2018

We are getting more and more complaints about irresponsible parking at schools. This is a common complaint across the county especially during winter months during adverse weather conditions; however it's during these winter months that the risk to all road users and pedestrians is increased due to the reduced vision caused by the adverse weather and reduced light.

All drivers please be mindful that children are very small and thus more difficult to see amongst parked vehicles and busy junctions. **When parking your vehicle please ensure that you park responsibly and legally at all times.**

I remind you that you should 'not' park as shown below:

- **Over dropped kerbs (including driveways)**
- **Within 32ft of a junction (or within a junction)**
- **On yellow zig zags** (during drop off/collection – as per the times are stated at the roadside)
- **On footpaths/grass verge**
- **On double yellow lines**
- **Block garages / turning areas**

As well as your own children's safety please think about other pedestrians some of whom may have sight or physical difficulties and may have guide dogs or mobility aids which are hindered by parking irresponsibly (even for a few minutes).

Pedestrians with pushchairs or wheel chairs are obstructed by preventing them from crossing the road in a safe place if you obstruct drop kerbs as well as obstruct their vision to judge when it is safe to cross.

So before you stop to 'drop off' or 'collect' children, or 'park' your vehicle please consider if you are committing any offence or increasing the risk to other community members as this may result in you being issued with a

Fixed Penalty Notice.

Thank you.

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