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# Promoting a Safer School



Dear Parents,

Very shortly the roadway in Martell Drive will be completed by the developers and the current barriers will be removed.

The roadway will then become a through road from Cemetery Drive to Ridge Road and vice versa. This in its self will present safety issues, more vehicles coming and going to and from the estate, speeding, and more vehicles using it as a short cut rather than queuing along the Frank Branston Way.

Since the road was blocked to build the rest of the estate we have only had to share the short piece of roadway with a few residents, some parking for Lidl and the bottle bank.

In order that we are prepared for the barriers to come down with have agreed with the Borough Council, the police and developers that after half term that there will some new arrangements to the parking outside of school.

It has been noticed that many parents are currently parking on what is the pathway on the far side of the children's gate. This is illegal, and very dangerous to pedestrians and must stop immediately. To help facilitate this, the area will have police no waiting cones put out.

The bottle bank area is not a designated parking area and should only be used for off-loading bottles and glass; there are lots of broken glass shards in this area.

The whole of the right hand side leading down to the children's gate will also become a no waiting area.



This means that there will only be 6 spaces directly outside the school in Martell Drive.

Once again we would urge you to work in partnership with the school and help keep our children safe.

Do you need to come by car? Can you walk, cycle or scooter like many others do? If you do need to come by car then please leave a few minutes earlier and use the Lidl car park. We are so lucky to have a facility that has 141 spaces, there are no other schools in Bedford including private schools that can offer such as facility so close to the school.

You will have noticed that if you drive by many schools that there are cameras being used to stop vehicles parking and off-loading their children in the no waiting areas. These are automatic ANPR cameras and the schools have no discretion about fines that they generate.

It would be fantastic if we did not have to have them at our school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Our Safeguarding Commitments

- Promoting a safer & secure environment & culture
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concerns or allegation
- Caring pastorally for those who are subject of concerns
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children