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**Did you know nearly 29 children or young people per week, are hurt in traffic accidents in the UK?**

Dear Parents,

**What a scary fact! However, we feel we need to stress this as we are extremely concerned about the safety of the children at Holgate Primary School. We have had repeatedly worrying reports of a small minority of our parents showing a lack of safety and respect when parking outside our school. We have witnessed incidents of parents double parking, parking on the pavements, completely blocking driveways, and parking illegally. The local residents have also reported incidents of verbal abuse when they are trying to exit or enter their own properties which is completely unacceptable and as such we have advised them to contact the police.**

The inappropriate and dangerous parking that we are seeing from some of our parents, makes it difficult for children and families to cross the roads around school, difficult for drivers who hold Blue Badges to actually enter the school grounds, and virtually impossible for any emergency vehicle to access the area in an emergency situation.

The staff and Governors of Holgate Primary are immensely concerned that if the current situation continues it will result in damage to vehicles or property and, more seriously and concerning, is that it could result in a child being hurt or maybe even killed. Throughout the last few years, we have continuously worked closely with the local police and County Council regarding our concerns about the parking on High Leys Road and Annies Close.

We need your support to make the local area safe for your child.

#### **What we need our parents to do:**

- Where possible choose to **walk instead of drive to school.**
- Do not double park or pull up alongside other parked cars to allow your children to 'jump out or get in'.
- Do not park on the pavement restricting the access for pedestrians.
- Please do not block residents' driveways, even for 'just a minute'.
- Drive at a low speed on the roads outside school.
- Do not park too close to street junctions as this blocks visibility for drivers pulling out.
- **Do not park in the drop off zone as this is there only to allow parents to drop off and pick up quickly to keep the traffic moving.**
- **Show respect** to the residents around school.
- Where possible **car share** to reduce the number of cars on the roads.

### What do we do in school?

- We work very hard in school to make sure our children are fully educated about keeping themselves safe on the roads. We have designated Junior Road Safety Officers who deliver assemblies and run competitions about staying safe.
- We participate in the National Road Safety Week, which allows children to actually practise following the Highway Code and practise crossing roads safely.
- Our older pupils also get the opportunity to take part in official cycle training as part of the accredited 'Bike-ability' level 1 and 2 training delivered by Nottinghamshire County Council in which children receive training and professional guidance about cycle safety.
- Parking around school reminders and polite requests remain a regular item on our school newsletter to try to encourage our parents to park responsibly or walk to school.
- We allow access to the disabled bays for any parent who is a Blue Badge holder (once they have registered in school).

**Your own children attend the school and may be the future victim of an accident caused by careless parking or be someone who may require an ambulance to get to them quickly in an emergency. Please, please can we ask YOU to remember this when you are parking.**

- ✓ We cannot change things alone.
- ✓ We need the support of all of you and of those members of your family who drive to school to consider very seriously how you park near school from this point onwards.
- ✓ We need to work together in partnership to ensure we are keeping all the children and families of Holgate Primary School safe.


Thank you in anticipation,



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