

# Principals' Post

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## ROAD SAFETY AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Dear Families

We are writing to express our deep concern regarding the safety of children, families, and staff outside both of our campuses, particularly at our Shenley Wood campus, at pick-up and after-school times.

As many of you are already aware, an accident occurred outside our Shenley campus a couple of weeks ago. Thankfully, no one involved sustained serious injuries, and we are incredibly grateful for that. However, the incident serves as a stark reminder that current behaviours around drop-off and pick-up are putting our own community at risk.

Recently, at our Shenley Wood campus, we have observed:

- Cars pulling up or stopping along the road, including on the zig-zag lines
- Children and adults crossing the road at unsafe points rather than at the designated crossing directly outside the front entrance
- Families choosing shortcuts—such as crossing at the junction near the school lodge or car park—rather than using the raised crossing area provided

These actions may feel harmless in the moment or perceived as a way to save a minute or two, but they significantly increase the likelihood of accidents. This recent incident could have had a very different outcome.

We are asking every member of our school community to take responsibility for keeping our children safe by making some simple but vital changes:

- **Drive slowly and cautiously at all times near the campuses**
- **Use only the designated car parking spaces**, or wait patiently for one to become free
- **Cross only at the raised designated crossing directly outside the main school entrance**—both when arriving and when walking back to your car
- **Avoid stopping or dropping children off on zig-zag lines or along the main road**

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These small actions, consistently taken, will make a significant impact and help ensure the safety of everyone at drop-off and pick-up times. This is not an issue caused by the general public—it is within our own school community, and it is within our power to fix.

We care deeply about our families, and we know you do too. Let's work together to make sure that no further accidents occur, and that our children's journey to and from school is always as safe as it can be.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued support.

Warm regards

**Mr N Springett-McHugh**  
Executive Principal

**Mrs K Draper**  
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