

RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

SUBJECT: Punctuality and Prioritising Pupil Safety

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time. There has been a significant improvement in punctuality recently, and we truly appreciate your efforts in making this happen. Consistent on-time arrival is crucial for a smooth start to the school day and helps your child make the most of their learning opportunities. Please continue to encourage and support your child in maintaining this excellent progress. As a reminder, all pupils should arrive on site by 8.20 am and need to be in their registration room by 8:30 am, ready to start the day.

Prioritising Pupil Safety

I also want to remind everyone about the importance of **safety** when arriving at and departing from school, especially given how busy our car park can be during peak times with two schools on site.

To help keep all our pupils safe, please remind your child of the following:

- **Walking safely:** if they are walking, please encourage them to be mindful of vehicles and to use designated pathways.
- Cycling safely: if they cycle to school, they must dismount and walk their bikes once they enter the school grounds. They cannot ride their bikes down the footpaths leading to school. Riding bikes across the carpark is also strictly prohibited due to the risk of accidents.
- No ball games on Hipswell Green: for the safety of everyone, especially with moving vehicles in the vicinity, we kindly request that pupils do not play ball games on Hipswell Green.

Finally, as requested in previous letters from Mrs Greenwood, we are once again making a plea to parents/carers to not drive onto the school site unless it is absolutely necessary. If your child can walk or cycle to school, or if you can drop them off at a safe location offsite, this is preferable, due to the health and safety issues associated with the school car park we have outlined on many occasions this year.

Your cooperation in reinforcing these messages with your child is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can ensure a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

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Mr J Yates Deputy Headteacher

