



Thursday 28th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

SUBJECT: Road Safety

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the winter months, we would like to jointly take a moment to remind all our families about the importance of road safety, both for our children and for the wider community.

With many of our pupils walking, cycling, or being driven to school, it is vital that we all work together to ensure their safety on the roads, in the Risedale car park and on the school drive. We have noticed an increasing number of vehicles driving excessively fast up/down the drive and in the Risedale car park. We have also seen vehicles parked in restricted areas of the car park that obstruct visibility and block access, as well as pupils being dropped off in places that are not safe, such as the bus lane, halfway up the drive and in the middle of the car park. Another concern is pupils (both walking and on bicycles) crossing the end of the drive when vehicles are entering and exiting, often way above our 5mph speed limit. Please take a moment to review the following guidelines:

For Parents Driving Pupils to School:

- Keep your speed to the signposted limit of 5 mph.
- Always park in designated parking areas, avoiding double parking, stopping on zig-zag lines and parking in the bus lane.
- Never park or stop on the drive or in unmarked areas of the car park.
- Be aware of the marked crossings to ensure safe passage for all children.
- Ideally, consider ways in which you can avoid bringing a car onto the school grounds, as the congestion is becoming unsafe.

For Children Walking or Cycling to School:

- Children should always cross the road at designated crossings and under the supervision of an adult if necessary.
- When crossing at the end of the drive, always look both ways and check the way is clear and safe before doing so.
- Please encourage children to use cycle lanes where available, wear helmets, and be mindful of other road users.
- Pupils cycling to school should ensure they **bring a bicycle lock** to secure their bicycles during the day.
- We also recommend bright or reflective clothing during early mornings or late afternoons, as visibility can be poor during winter months.

For Everyone:

- Please drive and cycle slowly around the school zone, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times.





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- We urge all children to use the pedestrian crossings and walkways to avoid running across roads.
- If your child walks to school independently, remind them to avoid distractions like mobile phones while crossing roads.

Our goal is to make the journey to and from school as safe as possible for every student. We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing these road safety measures at home and in your daily routines. Both schools are actively promoting road safety and we are working with North Yorkshire Council and the Police to gain support for the safety of all our young people.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to protect our children and ensure they can travel to and from school safely.

Yours faithfully,

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