



Hayle Academy

26th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Road safety of students

I am writing with regard to the health and safety of students and our concerns regarding traffic at the start and end of the school day outside of our main entrance along both High Lanes and St. George's Road.

As you will know, the areas outside of our school entrance are very busy in the morning and at leaving times with school transport buses dropping and collecting children as well as a high number of road users and pedestrians.

Unfortunately, there are a number of parents and carers who are parking their vehicles illegally, such as on pavements, and blocking the entrances to local residents' driveways when dropping off or collecting their children. This poses significant safety risks to our students, pedestrians and local residents. In particular, the pavement and driveways directly opposite the school's main entrance must be kept clear at all times. The school has received a complaint from a local resident regarding their concerns with road safety and blocked access to their property, and they have reported damage caused to their property possibly due to a turning vehicle last week.

We are also very concerned that students are also placing themselves at risk by crossing the road between illegally parked cars (who are dropping off children) and into busy oncoming traffic in order to access the main entrance.

It is our collective responsibility to maintain a safe journey to and from school for everyone. We can do this in a number of ways.

Firstly, please consider whether alternative, healthier options are available to avoid using a car, such as walking to school. If there is no alternative to driving, please be considerate to others and ensure that the following principles are followed:

- Vehicles must not be parked on the yellow zigzag markings. These markings are to prevent vehicles stopping or parking specifically outside the entrance to the school in order to keep sight lines clear for motorists and pedestrians.





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- Vehicles must not drive on or park on the pavements, particularly on the pavements opposite the school entrance, nor must they park in front of driveways as local residents need access to their properties.
- Please do not do a three point turn or 'U' turn outside the school entrance or turn on the pavement opposite the school entrance.
- Cars should not be parked on pathways and pavements. Please consider the safety of our students and other pedestrians who may have to walk into the road and into the path of oncoming traffic to get past.
- Please can I remind drivers about keeping to a low travelling speed and remaining alert for any students and pedestrians who are crossing the road to access the school entrance.

As you may be aware, senior leaders in our school monitor the site entrance when students arrive and leave the site at the start and end of the school day. We would rather avoid the embarrassment and possible offence of having to ask people to move their vehicle. In addition, the council's road enforcement team have indicated that they regularly monitor the area outside of the school and they could exercise their powers to give tickets to any vehicles causing an obstruction or creating health and safety issues. I am sure that we are all in agreement that we want to avoid the issuing of any tickets or formal warnings and, much more importantly, that the safety of all of our children must be the primary responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together in partnership to ensure the health and safety of our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Lock', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Lock
Headteacher