



Hayle Academy

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Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment around the school at the beginning and end of each day.

As you will be aware, the roads surrounding the school, particularly **High Lanes and St George's Road**, become extremely busy during drop-off and collection times. At these times, school transport, family vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians all share a relatively small area, making vigilance and consideration essential.

Unfortunately, we continue to receive concerns about unsafe parking and driving practices. These include vehicles being parked on pavements, stopping on the yellow zigzag markings, blocking residents' driveways and regularly mounting the pavement to drop off or collect children. Such actions not only inconvenience local residents but also create significant safety risks for our pupils and the wider community.

We are also concerned that some children are attempting to cross between parked vehicles, making it difficult for drivers to see them and increasing the risk of an accident.

In addition, we regularly observe drivers mounting the pavement directly outside the school in order to drop off or collect children. This is extremely dangerous and places our children, neighbours and pedestrians at risk. Therefore, we ask all drivers to remain on the carriageway and to use appropriate parking areas responsibly.

Keeping everyone safe is a shared responsibility. We therefore ask all parents and carers to support us by following these important guidelines:

- **Do not stop or park on the yellow zigzag markings** outside the school. These markings are designed to keep sight lines clear and ensure pupils can be seen by approaching drivers.
- **Do not park on pavements or obstruct driveways**, particularly in the area opposite the main school entrance.
- **Do not mount and drive on the pavement** to drop off or collect children. The pavement is for pedestrians and must remain safe and accessible at all times.
- **Avoid carrying out three-point turns or U-turns** outside the school gates.
- **Drive slowly and remain alert** for children and families crossing the road.
- **Park considerately** and be mindful of the impact your vehicle may have on pedestrians, wheelchair users, pushchairs and local residents.

- Where possible, consider walking, cycling or parking a little further away from school and completing the final part of the journey on foot.

Senior leaders regularly monitor the area around the school at drop-off and collection times and may need to speak with drivers whose actions are causing a safety concern. We hope to avoid this wherever possible and instead rely on the support and cooperation of our school community.

The Local Authority's parking enforcement officers also carry out checks in the area and may issue penalty notices where parking restrictions are breached or vehicles are causing an obstruction.

We know that the vast majority of families already do their very best to ensure the safety of our children and of our wider community, and we are grateful for your continued cooperation in helping us keep all members of our community safe.

Thank you for your support and partnership in this important matter.

Yours sincerely



Melissa Lock
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