



HODGSON ACADEMY

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Dear parent / carer

I recently wrote to all parents / carers asking for co-operation in parking safely and sensibly on Moorland Road and the surrounding area.

I am writing again as we are finding that there is increasing traffic on the crescent in front of school. I must remind parents that this crescent is NOT to be used for dropping off / collecting your children at the beginning and end of the school day. The crescent is not designed for this purpose and we believe that by allowing this to happen it is significantly increasing the risk of an accident occurring. It has been decided therefore that the vehicle entrance gate will be closed at 8.15 am until after the school day commences. Similarly the gate will be locked at 2.45 pm until approximately 3.15 pm when traffic has died down. These changes will occur with immediate effect.

These actions will have impact upon some of our school community but our over-riding concern is one of safety for all school users. I understand that parking can be a frustration but unfortunately I am insisting that these actions are taken to ensure that long standing rules are adhered to and safety is not compromised.

I have been asked if the Bus Bays can be used as a drop off point. The answer to this at the present time is unfortunately not. The Bus Bays have been a valuable addition to the schools facilities and have helped to keep several hundred students away from the pavements thus improving the safety of Moorland Road itself. The Bus Bays are not designed for normal 'road use'; the Buses have to reverse out and if cars also started to utilise the area the risks of accidents occurring will quickly increase.

The school will continue to monitor the situation. I take no pleasure in this correspondence as I do appreciate the area around Hodgson is not conducive to parking. Thank you for understanding our position and for your co-operation in helping to keep the roads safe for all users.

Kind regards

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