



30th August 2016

Dear parent / carer

As we commence a new school year, I would once again like to take this opportunity to raise a number of important health and safety issues that all who are part of Hodgson Academy should be particularly mindful of. I make no apologies for the fact that this letter is very similar to previous one's issued - the reminders detailed below are important.

Whilst speed limits have been reduced, we still remain concerned as to the amount of traffic on Moorland Road and the inherent dangers that this poses. Three years ago Bus Bays were built which helped to significantly reduce the number of students who need to use the pavements on Moorland Road. Despite this none of us should sit back and believe that the dangers posed by Moorland Road and by traffic in general around the academy have been fully dealt with. **Please be mindful of the traffic on the road and help to stress the importance of road safety to your children.**

The forecourt area at the front of the academy should not be used for dropping off / picking up students at the start and end of the academy day unless express authorisation to do so has been given. **The school gates will be locked at peak times prior to the start of the school day and at the end of the school day to prevent such access.** Can I also request that when parking on the roadside within the vicinity of the academy that it is done both in a legal and safe manner and also with consideration to local residents. I know that the overwhelming majority of parents already do this as a matter of course and I thank you for all of your support with these requests. I would ask you to be aware that Enforcement Officers do patrol outside the academy from time to time.

I know that a small number of students cycle to Hodgson and whilst we are encouraging of this with regards to health benefits we naturally are mindful of the many busy roads on route to us. Whilst we cannot insist upon the wearing of protective gear **we strongly recommend that such protection is used for cycle journeys.** We do ask that the students do not cycle on school premises. An area is set aside for cycles to be parked during the academy day and it is the students' responsibility to ensure that appropriate locking devices are used.

Finally can I ask you to note in your diaries that school will close to students at 1.00 pm on Thursday 22nd September, 2016. School Buses will only be available from the usual time at 2.50 pm so any student who wishes to stay to this time may do under supervision in the Learning Centre.

Thank you for your continued support of the academy

Yours sincerely

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Acting Principal

