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## Newsletter 5

### School Premises

Unfortunately, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, we had an incident of a car being driven on the school site whilst children and families were leaving the building. A serious accident could have happened.

Late last night, I updated the school website announcement and reiterated key health and safety messages. Early this morning, we reviewed the gate and cone situation. You will note as of today that the Foundation Stage gate will be open from 2.00pm to ensure parents can safely wait within the grounds, socially distanced of course. You will also note that the large black double gates will be closed and cones placed to provide a walkway to ensure that there is a complete and full understanding that the movement of cars is not allowed. This will be monitored and reviewed to ensure the desired impact is achieved to give safe exit for EYFS children out of school.

If you choose to park on the school site, cars **must** remain static with engines switched off until the gates re open. Please do not attempt to queue and block the driveway waiting for the gates to open. Children and families are leaving classrooms and crossing the driveway to exit the building, and it is an expectation that they are able to do this safely.

Unfortunately, should this message be ignored, we will have no alternative but to resort to the parking bays being used solely for staff, school community members who require disabled parking bays and visitors to school as is already the case with the majority of schools. This would be our very last resort as we appreciate that parking is already difficult, however the health and safety of our children will always take priority.

I thank you for your cooperation in this serious matter.

Nichola Russell

Headteacher

