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Dear Parent/Carer

As an academy, it is of paramount importance that we do all we can to ensure the safety of our students at all times. During the last academic year, we reviewed the health and safety procedures in place for securing the students' safety on their journey to and from the academy. In particular, we had serious concerns about the volume of vehicles using the same access point to and from the site at the same time as students. Consequently, the decision was made to prohibit vehicle access to the school between the times of 8.10am to 8.45am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm.

I am confident that you will be in agreement that the priority of both the academy and parents is the safety of the children on their way to and from school. I would like to take this opportunity to urge you as parents to not use Wood Lane at all during this period, particularly as there is no safe place for cars to turn around. Wood Lane is easily congested and, try as we might, students do not always use good road sense on their walk to school. This is made more difficult when the path is impeded by cars parking on the curb.

Safe drop off points are available on Burton Road parking bay and I recommend that these are always used instead of the Wood Lane entrance, except in case of genuine disability. Also, please do not drop off students at the junction of Wood Lane with Shearing Hill/Main Road as this can cause a hazard for other road users. A section of Wood Lane is a private road for residential use only. Please respect this and do not use the private road to access the Academy. Parking is not permitted on the private road or along Military Road at any time.

I recognise that this may require some parents to make amendments to their current arrangements for dropping off and picking up students, but it is of overriding importance that we do all that we can to secure safe access arrangements for every child that attends the academy.

Yours sincerely

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