



25th November 2013

Dear Parent and Student,

Safety on the road outside school

Last week, a Year 7 student was knocked over by a passing car on his way out of school. Fortunately he was not seriously injured but the danger is apparent for everyone to see. This accident happened after the student crossed the road between cars that were parked on the double yellow lines. This is the second similar accident in the last two years and I do fear that someone will be killed or seriously injured in future. I want to describe to you what I have done and to ask for the support of parents and students.

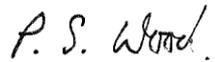
- You will be aware that the Student Council have been running a campaign for a 20mph speed limit around school. They were promised that speed restrictions would be applied before the start and at the end of the school day. I have written to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Transport and Highways asking why this promise has not been fulfilled and when the speed limit will be in place.
- I have also asked for yellow zig-zag lines to replace double yellow lines around school. This will prevent any vehicle stopping in the marked areas and will allow for prosecution of those who park illegally.
- Students have been reminded to avoid crossing the road between parked cars, to pay attention when crossing, to cross via the designated pelican crossing or where the patrol person stands.
- Parents are asked not to park on the double yellow lines. Students, please ask your parents to pick you up in a safe place a short distance away from the school.
- Police and traffic control personnel have been asked to provide a presence in the area and to enforce parking restrictions.
- A joint letter from school and Police was sent out earlier this term asking for your support in avoiding parking in a way that causes danger to pedestrians.
- Parents are reminded not to drive onto the school premises to drop off/collect students at the start and end of the school day, as doing so is a danger to students walking through school.

I know that the overwhelming majority of parents will want to support efforts to improve safety for all the young people who attend this school.

Uniform

Governors have made one slight change to uniform regulations that will affect a small number of students. They have decided that false nails will be banned and that students with natural nails that are extremely long will be asked to cut them. This change is to ensure full access to the curriculum and the safety of others.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. S. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

P S Wood
Headteacher