

15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear parents and carers,

A number of parents and members of staff have recently brought a few things to our attention regarding the health and safety of our children, so I thought we would bring it to everyone's attention.

**Parking:**

Thank you to so many of you who park considerately when coming to school.

Please can we ask a small number of parents to think about our neighbours and the local community when parking and to not block driveways.

We encourage our parents to use the Beane Valley Children Centre car park to drop off and pick up. Most of our parents use this area really well, and we have recently used cones to block off the staff car parking area. The cones prevent any cars parking or driving in this area when children will be using the crossing at the start and end of the day.

We ask all our parents to drive very slowly and park considerately when using the car park.

**Our school car park:**

It has been brought to our attention that a small number of parents are occasionally using the school staff car park as a 'walk-through' with their children. Please could all parents and carers refrain from using the staff car park in this way as we do not want any accidents. The staff who drive in to school come in to the car park at a range of times and so it is not safe for children to be walking through this area at all (even when accompanied by an adult).

**Scooters and bikes:**

We actively encourage our children to walk to school and also to bring along their bikes and scooters. We always ask our children to be safe with their scooters and bikes and remind them that they should not be riding them in the school grounds at all and should also not ride them down the pathways around the school. We encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children about this and support us in thinking considerately about all members of our school community when we are travelling through the narrow pathways.

A small number of very young children are riding bikes, scooters or other vehicles in the playground after school. Some very young children are also using the trim trail. Lots of them are learning to walk with their vehicles and respond when we ask them to come off the trim trail - we do try to talk to parents about this and thank them for their cooperation. As we do not always know the names of the children, and do not want to scare them, it is difficult for us to always ask them to stop – please could parents explain to their children that they must not ride their vehicles in the school grounds or be on the trim trail. Again, the main reason for this is that we want to ensure the safety of all our school community and believe we are putting this safety at risk if we do not have these clear measures in place.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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