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Parking and Traffic

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we are regularly reviewing and exploring every possibility to improve the safety and well-being of our community regarding the parking and road use by parents, contractors, commuters and community residents.

The consortium of contractors too have this at the very top of their priority list and many of whom are parents themselves, are concerned by the risk to children. They are considering every alternative open to them and have asked us to circulate the following letter to you all. I hope you will agree that whilst the situation is far from resolved, the steps they are making and willingness to engage with the school is a very positive step forward for us all. Please read the letter carefully and if we can **all** follow the guidance and legalities set out below I believe the risk to your child and all the children of our school and community will be dramatically reduced. Please also be aware that the traffic marshals have no desire to be directing traffic, they are solely there to help improve road safety for our families.

We must insist on your cooperation on this critical matter and there can be no worthy excuse for putting children's safety at risk due to lateness or the desire to shorten walking distances. Waitrose continues to offer parking spaces at a short distance from the school and there is parking available within a short walking distance (less than quarter of a mile) from the school grounds.

I would like to make it clear that parents mounting pavements are posing a clear risk to our children and the community, especially those who have parked alongside the school fully mounting and blocking safe access and clear views from drivers and pedestrians. We will be working with the local authority to record incidents of this and the vehicle registration of the small minority of adults that pose such a risk.

I know also the vast majority of parents and carers park and drive safely and responsibly with children's safety of paramount importance. I believe the actions mentioned below will be overwhelmingly supported and I hope that we can reduce the time and energy spent on dealing with this issue and focus much of it back on our priority – giving your children the best possible school experience each day.

Thank you for your continued support, I know we will all agree that our children's safety is more important than anything else.

Please see the letter from the consortium below:



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Parents letter – March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that for some time we have encountered problems with traffic flow at peak school times.

In partnership with the developers, consultants and contractors working on the project we have been taking steps to improve safety of all road users.

These include:

- Parking restraints in the form of bollards and grass bunds/bollards
- New signs including a flashing beacon school warning sign
- Control of lorry delivery times
- Control of entrance and exit to the building sites
- Engagement with the school children via presentation and poster competition.

On occasions we are unable to avoid construction traffic at the peak times so more recently we have introduced traffic marshals to help to ease the congestion and minimise delays to parents and all other road users.

We hope you will agree that the marshals have improved the situation however in doing so, we have identified two areas which are key to successfully managing the traffic.

- Unobstructed, two-way operation of traffic along Repton Avenue at all times, particularly between the school and Waitrose.
- Clear access to the entrance and exits to the school drop off area which often get blocked and affect the free flow of traffic.

Our intention therefore is to place further parking restrictions by;

- 1) extending the existing double yellow lines from the Repton Manor/Sir John Fogg Avenue junction to the school, part of which is necessary under a planning condition, and;
- 2) extending the existing zig zag lines to prevent parking and unblock the entrance and exit to the school drop off area.
- 3) Introducing speed restrictions in Repton Avenue.

We intend to bring in the new restrictions after the school holiday starting on 16th April 2018.

You can play an important part in the process by parking responsibly, observing instructions from others and most importantly, remaining patient when travelling in the area as inevitably there will be times when the the flow is temporarily interrupted.

Thank you for reading the letter carefully and feel free to contact the consortium or the school if you have any new or additional suggestions. Representatives from each contractor will be looking to speak with parents to gather feedback and explore any other possibilities.

Kind regards

Matt Rawling