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Traffic and Parking in Larchwood Gardens

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the accident on Friday 11th February where one of our parents was hit by a car I wanted to update you on the situation.

Firstly, although the parent was injured, they are making a recovery. Everyone is very lucky as it could have been a lot worse. The whole incident has really reinforced the issues that we have been talking about regarding the parking and traffic at drop off and pick up.

Yesterday parking enforcement officers were on site at the end of the day. This made the road safer as no cars parked on the lines. They also issued 5 penalty notices. Sadly, this morning there were cars parking on the lines again. This is simply not acceptable, it makes the road unsafe.

Over half term I had a number of communications with the local ward councillors, the councillor from Essex responsible for highways and our MP. I know a number of parents have done this too. On Monday 21st I met with the three ward councillors in person along with one of our parents and our Chair of Governors to discuss the strategy going forward. At the end of the week I will be meeting the Essex councillor in person to try to address the situation.

The three main areas we wish to address are the ongoing poor parking on the yellow and double yellow lines, the speed at which cars travel on the road and the fact that there is no clearly defined and safe place to cross the road.

We will be doing some work with the children to involve them in the actions and may well ask the parent body to be involved in lobbying the council.

I will keep you updated as things progress and hope we can continue to make the road safer for all, but I don't expect it to be a quick or easy process. Thank you to the vast majority of you who continue to come to school in a responsible and safe manner.

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

