



Menston Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have many more families now choosing to walk to school and keep cars away from the roads bordering the school. This means that children are safer and that the air is cleaner around school. We would like to thank those families who are making a conscious effort to improve this. That said we also appreciate that for some families the car is the only option because of distance or other circumstances. It seems increasingly likely that there will be a safe crossing point on Main Street and we would like to thank all those in our community who have helped to progress this.

There are however real concerns for the safety of our children and a number of people have contacted school recently to tell us how dangerous it can be. Here is an example of the kinds of things brought to our attention:

I have been getting increasingly frustrated and concerned about cars pulling up and parking right outside the school as we are walking in. This morning a car pulled right up to the kerb where the zigzag 'no waiting' markings are, and cut in front of a parent pushing a buggy who was on the road, as the pavement is too narrow.

We would urge all drivers to be very careful when driving near any school. Reversing next to a pathway or mounting the kerb where children are walking is never a good idea, but is often witnessed by our families. The narrow pavements on Main Street make this even more dangerous. We would encourage all drivers to use the car parking at Kirklands and the drop off bays on St Peter's Way or to park further away from school on Hawksworth Drive or East Parade where pedestrians have better, wider pavements.

Please consider carefully whether you really need to drop children off right next to the school or whether you could add a few minutes to your schedule and drop off further away in order to improve safety.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Jones
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