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Dear Beckington Families,

re: Road Safety

I am writing to ask for your support with an issue that continues to cause concern at the start and end of the school day: parking and vehicle movement on the road outside school.

The safety of our children, families, staff and local residents must always come first. Unfortunately, there have been a number of occasions recently where parking arrangements have created unnecessary risks, making an already narrow road more difficult and potentially dangerous for everyone using it.

As many families will know, we operate an informal one-way system to help ease congestion at busy times. We ask that vehicles approach the school via Church Hill, travelling in the same direction as other traffic wherever possible. Whilst this arrangement is informal, it plays an important role in reducing congestion, limiting vehicle conflict and improving visibility for children and families arriving at school. I would ask all families to support this approach consistently.

Parking on pavements creates a significant safety risk. When pavements are obstructed, children, families with buggies and those travelling by scooter or bicycle are often forced into the road. This immediately increases the risk of an accident. Similarly, parking in a way that blocks or narrows the road makes it more difficult for vehicles to pass safely and reduces visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

Whilst school runs can often feel busy and rushed, convenience cannot come before safety. We therefore ask that families do not park on pavements, block driveways or access points, stop in locations that restrict visibility, or leave vehicles in positions that obstruct the flow of traffic. These behaviours place others at risk and cannot become the norm around our school.

Where possible, I would encourage families to consider alternatives to driving directly to the school gate. Walking, scooting or cycling to school are all excellent options, and many families are able to make use of Sue's Walk as a safe and practical route into the village. Even parking a short distance away and walking the final part of the journey can make a significant difference to congestion and safety outside school.

We recognise that the road layout presents challenges and that there is no single solution to this issue. For that reason, the school is beginning to work with Somerset Council to explore more formal measures that may help improve traffic management and road safety around the school. We will keep families informed as this work progresses.

The safety of our children depends upon all of us making responsible choices every day. Every family wants children to arrive at school safely and return home safely. I therefore ask all members of our school community to play their part in ensuring that the area around school remains safe, welcoming and accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours,



Rory McGrath
Headteacher