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Using the school car park for pickups from after school activities (after 4.15).

Dear Parents,

It has been our practice to allow parents to use the school car park for pick-ups from after school clubs.(after 4.15)

However, I am becoming increasingly concerned about the behaviour of some drivers when doing so; particularly now that it is dark by 4.15.

I am concerned about:

- Drivers hooting their horns loudly in the car park. This is not acceptable and is frightening for children as they walk to their parent's car creating a sense of fear and panic.
- Drivers reversing out of spaces, seemingly oblivious to other people's children running across the car park directly behind their car.
- Children, and young siblings, running across the car park, unaccompanied, to their parent's car, with cars in the dark reversing and driving too fast.
- Cars driving too fast as they swing into the car park; **the speed limit is 5mph.**

It is only a matter of time before we have a child run over in the school car park. It could be your child.

I am reviewing the situation. If this continues we will be forced to stop allowing parents to drive into school at any time. This will be a great pity as I am sure that parents appreciate being able to drive in to school at this time

Please support us in trying to ensure the safety of your own child as well as the safety of other people's children.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Sian Kilpatrick
Headteacher