

## The John Harrox Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

The governing body regularly reviews different aspects of the school life. One important function the governing body has is to ensure the health and safety of children, staff and visitors is safeguarded.

The issue of parking outside the school at key drop-off and pick-up times is continually a concern. The area in general becomes very congested and it is felt that there is a risk to the safety of the children, in particular, due to the congestion at peak times. This view has also been raised by parents. The situation is exacerbated by the need for the school bus to pull off the road into the layby. It is important that it is free to do this, so the safety of all pedestrians is supported by reducing congestion and preventing traffic being blocked on the road. It also ensures the children travelling by bus are able to enter and leave the bus safely directly to and from the pavement.

I have liaised recently with PCSO Fylippa Bennett and also a road safety officer from Lincolnshire County Council. Fylippa has agreed to try and monitor the parking concerns and is trying to have a greater presence at peak times. In addition, other possible solutions, if any, are being explored by the road safety team.

As a school we have no jurisdiction on highways. However, we regularly appeal to you all for your cooperation in making the local environment as safe as possible. We recognise the vast majority of parents avoid parking directly outside the school and in the layby.

The governing body appeal again to you all that you consider the safety of all the children when parking, whatever the weather, note the road markings and ensure the bus has access to the layby. Nobody wants to live with the consequences of causing or contributing to a situation that causes injury, or worse, to a child.

The governing body would like to thank you all for to your cooperation and consideration regarding this matter and us all working together to support the safety of the children. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr. D Pilsworth Head Teacher









