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Dear Parents/Carers

Site Safety

Our School Car Park

Parking in our school car park is restricted to staff and official visitors only. Can we please ask parents/carers that are dropping or collecting their children to and from school not use this car park (unless specific pre-agreed arrangements have been made).

As always, we would encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school whenever possible. If you do travel to school, by car, please use the parking bays or roads surrounding the school paying attention to the relevant parking restrictions. Please also respect our neighbours and do not block the entrances/exits to their properties.

Can we also respectfully ask that pupils, parents and carers **do not walk across the car park** at any time, please stay on the designated footpaths around school. We have had a number of instances recently where pupils have ran out in front of cars arriving and leaving school and we really do not want anyone to get hurt.

Keep School Clear Zones

You will note that directly outside school there are yellow zig zag road markings and signage indicating that drivers should not stop in this zone between 8.00am and 4.30pm.

We are however asking for your co-operation and for parents and carers not to park on the Keep School Clear Zone at any time between the hours of 7.30am and 6.00pm to take into account children arriving and leaving for before and after school clubs. We are liaising with Central Bedfordshire Council to change the times on the signage in order to keep children safe whenever they are arriving or leaving our site. We have now had at least two incidents, which could have resulted in pupils being seriously hurt as a direct result of people parking here. We can clearly reduce any risk if parking is avoided in this area.

Additionally we have noticed an increasing number of parents and carers parking on the Keep School Clear Zone, standing by their car and letting their child walk to the Care Club doors unaccompanied. If we could ask you to park your car in a suitable safe spot and walk your child up to the entrance doors we would be very grateful.

Our final reminder is that we would strongly advise that no younger siblings are left alone in any vehicle parked within or just outside the school grounds whilst your collect a pupil from our school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Boyle
Headteacher
Silsoe VC Lower School

