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Dangerous Driving

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may or may not be aware, there was a minor accident outside the school on Friday involving one of our pupils and a car. Thankfully, the child in question is fit and well and back at school.

I have since been in contact with Northamptonshire police who have advised that if an incident occurs outside the school, whether it be an accident, witness to dangerous driving or a verbal altercation you should contact the police on 101. The school is unfortunately unable to become involved in any incident which takes place out with the school grounds.

I would like to stress that it is imperative that when parents drop off or pick up their children they demonstrate due care and attention and do not put others at risk. They should also give consideration to our local community and park safely and in appropriate areas. This may result in parents parking a small distance away from school and walking into the school grounds to drop off or collect their children. It is important to our school that positive relations with our local community remain in place and do not diminish due to inconsiderate, dangerous parking by our parents or visitors.

Whilst writing, we would like to remind parents of the following:

- The speed limit in the school front car park is 5 MPH. This speed is set in the interest of the safety of pedestrians using this car park. On more than one occasion, we have seen near misses due to parents driving too quickly.
- Parents dropping off or collecting their children are **NOT** permitted to drive into or park in the school grounds unless they have prior agreement with the school.
- Even when this agreement has been made, if there are no available car parking spaces, please park outside the school grounds and walk into school to collect your child(ren).
- Calling into the school office with a query at the start or end of the school day **is not** an excuse for you to park in the school grounds. This is being monitored.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our children safe.

Kind regards,

Mrs P Cuddihy
Head Teacher

