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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention, a matter of great concern regarding the traffic conditions outside our school gates. I am deeply committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, parents, and staff.

Over the past few weeks, we have observed a significant increase in traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times, leading to potential safety hazards for our pupils exiting site. The current situation poses a threat to the orderly flow of traffic and compromises the overall security of our school community.

Specifically, we are facing the following challenges:

Congestion: The congestion during peak hours is causing delays for parents, buses, and other vehicles, leading to frustration and impatience. This impatience from a small minority of drivers is hazardous to our pupils: your children, and I would request that parents find alternative ways to bring/collect pupils to and from school.

Pedestrian Safety: There is an increase in pedestrians accessing our site and there is a minority of drivers showing little or no regard for pedestrians and their safety. SLOW DOWN signs have been attached to the fences from our pupils.

Some drivers are continuing to approach the school at speed, which is a danger to pupils and other pedestrians.

Illegal Parking: Despite signage, there is a persistent problem of illegal parking, exacerbating the congestion and hindering the smooth flow of traffic. Drivers should not be stopping on double yellow lines to collect pupils. This is causing other drivers to overtake on the junction.

This is an extremely dangerous action.

Our Neighbours: Please be mindful of our residents. We would ask that you do not block drives, block neighbours in or display a rude manner when asked to move. We all need to work together with respect, to ensure the safety of the community that we are all part of.



I have now requested the support of the RCT parking enforcement service, who will enforce parking regulations and consider implementing penalties for illegal parking. I make no apology for this action, as a minority of drivers are showing no consideration for pupil safety.

Additionally, if you are accessing facilities after school hours please do not park in front of the school gates as this may hinder emergency services from access the school site.

I am sure that you will all agree that no one wants to be responsible for any harm to a child as a result of a traffic accident in our community. I trust that this letter will prompt you to take careful measures when considering driving to our site and to always park sensibly.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical issue. I look forward to a positive and constructive collaboration to enhance the traffic management outside our school gates, with our entire parent community within Hawthorn Primary and Hawthorn High School.

Regards,

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Headteacher

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