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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Please could we stick to school times for starting and finishing. There has been an increase in children in Years 2 to 6 arriving and being collected late because younger siblings start and finish 5 minutes later.

The decision was made last year to stagger the start and finish times and places to avoid too much congestion on the playground in the morning and afternoon and also, children arrive in school far calmer. Following discussions with parents of children in different classes, we staggered times also to enable them to get from one place to the other.

If a child is late, they miss important learning, both academic and social. It is disruptive for them to enter the class, hall late and it is also disruptive to the class. Your child will be marked late if they are not arriving into class with the rest of their peers. This can result in the Local Authority becoming involved and ultimately a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority. Nobody wants this. Please think of your child and bring them in on time. Thank you!

You might have also noticed the horrendous parking situation around school in recent weeks. With the 2 large developments taking place on Sizer Street, parking space is as tight as ever. However, please can we avoid parking in the following places:

- On the pavements ~ this has caused many parents and children to have to walk on the road, with a number of near misses
- On the areas opposite the main gates, again this is causing serious accident hazards and also blocks the road
- On the zig zags on Ashmoor Street ~ this is not only illegal and could result in a parking fine (I have had one there whilst loading the car full of harvest festival donations!), but more importantly could cause a serious accident to a child or adult

We are not being awkward in saying this, rather we do not want anybody injured. Mr Green, our Site Supervisor, has come under fire and a lot of abuse in the last few weeks from cross adults parking where they shouldn't. Please can we respect Mr Green and remember, he is doing his job whilst trying to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

If you have any concerns regarding parking, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please note, we are not able to increase parking space, however, it should ease once the building works finish. Until then, please be patient and if you can, park a bit further away (if you have to drive) and walk across to school.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth