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Dear Parents/Carers

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I have had several conversations with quite a few parents this week, who have expressed concerns about a number of things during drop off and collection times, particularly on the long driveway area.

Can I please ask that whilst you are on the drive, which is often quite congested, you take care to use appropriate language. Every family has different standards to what they feel is appropriate, but this area will be full of other people's children as well as your own, so please take care.

Can I also ask that if you allow your child to scoot or ride up or down the drive, you supervise them (especially the older siblings from Hamp Academy and our bigger children in Year 2) to ensure they are not being hazardous. Every day, there are a few children who arrive before their parents are in sight, weaving in and out of other families. In any case, all visitors, our children, older siblings and parents should walk once through our gate and park their scooters/bikes in the park please.

Can I also remind everyone that photographing or filming on the school site is not allowed. This includes the driveway area. Video phone calls such as FaceTime or Messenger are not appropriate as, although not necessarily recording, they may accidentally show other parents or children, who may be vulnerable, putting their security at risk. Please refrain from any video calls on site.

The other issue that seems to be causing anxiety for some parents, is smoking or vaping outside the gates. Please be considerate of others and move well away from the school entrance gates. Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, including the grassy waiting area aside the long drive.

Onto a more positive note, several of you commented that you came into see the children's displays from the "Words, words, words" theme week. If you would still like to do this, please come into the corridor any day next week, when you collect after school. The children would love to show you their work. Please just let your child's teacher know you are popping in.

Next week is "National Storytelling Week". Lots of reading and sharing stories together is planned. On Wednesday at 2.15pm, we would like to invite you to join your child for "story time". Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to drop in. If you have younger children, you are welcome to bring them with you to sit and listen to story time. As always, phones are not permitted in the classrooms so if you can leave them at home, the signing in/out process will be a bit quicker.

Today has been a welcome break from the rain and the wind, let's hope the sunshine continues.

As always, if you have any questions or need any help, please let us know.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher