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Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately, yet again, I am writing to you because there has been an accident on our long driveway where a child racing along on a scooter has run straight into a Nursery pupil and knocked her over.

Can I please remind you that whilst we are trying to encourage active and healthy lifestyles, we must also be ensuring safety, and I ask that you are responsible for your child as they are using the driveway.

The majority of pupils scoot or ride alongside you, but there are a few who regularly arrive ahead of their parents, scooting or riding in and out of other families on the driveway. Please ensure that you keep your child under supervision, so that all families feel safe on their way in and out of school. Staff on the gate will speak to children who are unsupervised, but this can sometimes offend parents.

In a previous letter we asked that all adults walk alongside their scooters or bikes on their way in and out of school. Can I also please remind you that it is not permitted for either pupils or adults to ride electric scooters on any part of the driveway at all.

To try to help make the driveway a little safer, we did have the idea to try to create separate zones. Can we please ask everyone arriving on a scooter or bike to use the road part of the driveway, leaving the pavement free for families who are walking. This should ensure that adults and children are not in any danger.

One regular comment I receive from parents when a member of staff does have to step in, is that their children do not listen to them, so we have shared this information in assembly time today with all the pupils, making the expectations clear about safety on the driveway. Another comment is that staff should be down on the driveway. Unfortunately it is just not possible for us to provide enough members of staff to 'police' the driveway every day, (we wouldn't have enough people in the classrooms), but myself and other members of the SLT will try to keep an eye on the driveway when we can, in a supportive role to back up parents.

The introduction of the scooter and bike park was a very welcome addition to many families and I have had such a lot of positive feedback since it has been in place. I believe that if we all work together we can ensure there are no more accidents and everyone can feel safe.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Mary Weatherburn
Headteacher