



**New Haw and The Grange  
Community Schools  
The Avenue, New Haw, Surrey**



13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents,

**Pedestrian Safety and Parking/Drop Off Guidance**

We have become increasingly concerned at the risks posed to our pupils, parents and visitors by the inconsiderate and often illegal behaviour of some parents at the beginning and end of the school day. We have received a number of complaints from local residents and frustrated parents, who are understandably anxious for the safety of our children. On more than one occasion, when approached by a concerned member of the public, perpetrators have become verbally aggressive or abusive. This unacceptable behaviour is posing a grave danger to our children's safety and we are therefore asking once again to be vigilant and considerate when dropping off and collecting your child each day.

We fully appreciate that before and after school The Avenue and surrounding roads can become very congested. However, it is important that drivers remember that the wellbeing and safety of children is paramount at all times. There are repeated cases of drivers parking and dropping off children on the zigzags outside of the school gates. This poses a significant risk to pedestrians as it obstructs the vision of other drivers. Many parents are ignoring the voluntary one way system which operates at these times and cars are often parked dangerously at junctions and around the island where The Avenue and King George's Drive meet.

***Please see the reverse of this letter for a reminder on safe and legal practice for both motorists and pedestrians.***

We also ask that if you walk to school with a dog please tether the dog a safe distance away from the school gates so that people can still pass by easily without having to walk in the road.

Please be assured that our children's safety and interests are paramount. We continue to liaise with the representatives from the local authority, council and police force and expect our community police officer to be visiting the site in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Cahill  
Headteacher

Mrs E Edwards  
Headteacher



## MOTORISTS MUST:

- Observe the voluntary 'one way' system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day – entering The Avenue via King George's Drive and exiting The Avenue via Manor Drive.
- Keep 'School Keep Clear' zigzags free from vehicles. These markings mean that you **MUST NOT STOP**, even to drop off or pickup.
- Park legally and considerately without causing obstruction or inconvenience to anyone else. **Fines may be issued for illegal parking.**
- Do not drive or park on pavements, double yellow lines or single yellow lines where restrictions apply. Obstruction of junctions and roundabouts reduces visibility for other motorists and pedestrians.
- Drive **SLOWLY** at all times as children may step out into the road unexpectedly and this gives you time to stop safely.

## PEDESTRIANS MUST:

- If entering the school site via the pedestrian path, remain on the path **behind the red railings**. Do not stand in the driveway, on the crossing, on the roundabout or around the parked cars and do not allow children to play in these areas.
- Be mindful that staff may be entering or leaving the school site in vehicles during these times and make sure you are mindful of both your and their safety.
- Make sure that New Haw pupils with siblings at The Grange are dropped off and collected from The Grange playground, crossing the car park on the crossing and entering and leaving The Grange site via the green gate.
- Make sure that all other pupils meet their parents on the pathway behind the red barrier or on The Avenue.
- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden within the school grounds.
- Parents needing to access the school offices must use the safe path around the edge of the car park and not walk through the car park.