



Hillside Specialist School & College

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been brought to my attention that we are experiencing an increased amount of traffic issues on the main road outside the school gates from 2.30 pm onwards. I have concerns that both taxis and parents who collect their children are causing obstruction on the main road prior to the gates opening at 3:00 pm in order to be first in the queue for our 3.10 pm dismissal.

We have an arrangement with **one Travel Care** vehicle to prioritise their place at the front of the queue as they are part of the local Authorities fleet of vehicles that also transport Adults with disabilities home from Centres from 5:00 pm. As part of our safeguarding requirements, no vehicles should arrive on the school site prior to the gate opening at 3:00 pm, unless prior arrangements have been made to collect a pupil early for an appointment.

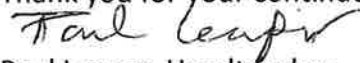
As a school we should have knowledge of all adults on site during the school day who are required to report to the office and sign in. Therefore, we cannot have non school staff waiting in cars on the school site. All visitors prior to 3:00 pm should contact the office on the intercom at the gate before entering the school site, so that we know you are on our site.

If you are collecting your child at the end of the day, please adjust your collection time so that you arrive from 3:00 pm as I am aware that we now have cars gaining access from 2.30pm and parking up on the driveway, causing issues for or pupils who are still accessing that area as part of their timetable up to 2.45 pm. I understand that this may cause inconvenience with other commitments and collection of other children, but the safety of our pupils and staff are our highest priority.

School staff are finding it increasingly difficult to gain access off the main road to our own site when returning from trips. This is putting staff and pupils in danger when trying to pass taxis and cars blocking the access to the entrance. I'm sure you will share our concern for their safety, particularly as we have had an incident this year where the emergencies services were called following a collision involving parked vehicles on the main road.

I will be writing to the Local Authority Transport teams to ask them to circulate a similar letter of request to the contracted taxi companies and requesting that they run checks to ensure that they follow our requests.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.


Paul Leaper, Headteacher

