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Dear Parents/Carers

I'm impressed by the way the vast majority of our students walk/cycle to school, with care and consideration for themselves and other road users.

However, when members of the public contact the school to say that they are 'concerned' with the road safety of some of our students and have had to swerve, brake hard or take other evasive action; I feel I have the moral duty to contact you.

It is fairly obvious that I never want to be contacting a parent, telling the rest of the students or teaching body about an accident one of our students has been involved in. Likewise, it would be a parent's worst nightmare to receive this information.

With this in mind, can I ask that you consider talking to you child about road awareness.

Simple measures like reminding them:-

- To find a safe place to cross (using an island, pelican or zebra crossing) and not on the busiest section of road near parked cars;
- Not to be using their phone when crossing as it's an instant distraction;
- To avoid wearing earphones when crossing as you can't hear other road users properly;
- To walk away from the edge of the kerb, even if that means walking in front or behind your friends!
- Never to play silly games or to push/shove each other on the paths.

We have staff out at the front gate every morning and afternoon after school to help supervise cars coming into the school and to keep it as safe as we can. We don't have a drop off zone and would also ask parents who do collect their children not to park at the front of the school in a way that puts our students in danger.

Furthermore, if students do cycle, we urge them to be wearing suitable protective gear (e.g. helmet) and cycle with consideration for others.

I trust you respect the need for me to write this letter.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Mendela

Vice Principal