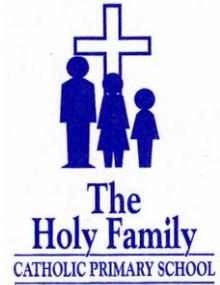


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Road safety on Ongar Hill and the church car park

I am writing once again to all parents, grandparents and friends to ask for your support and consideration during drop-off and pick up times each day. Every one of us puts the safety of your children (and each other) as top of the priority list however I remain fearful that we have a serious accident waiting to happen. Sadly, if this does occur, it is most likely that one of our own will be hurt.

This term I have already received reports of dangerous double parking on Ongar Hill, people driving at excessive speed entering & exiting the church car park and a cyclist riding on the pavement almost causing a collision with a child. None of this is acceptable and all are totally unnecessary. Following positive feedback from many parents last week, we have adjusted the morning drop-off routine as this appears to have eased congestion in the car park and on Ongar Hill. The flow of traffic appears to have improved and parking spaces are more readily available. This drop off and go system appears to be making for a smoother start to the day for all.

Please can I request that if you are running slightly late, you take extra care and consideration – it is better to arrive slightly late but safe than not to arrive at all. Please could I also remind all parents that the **disabled car parking spaces** in the church car park **should only be used by those with a blue badge**. We do have members of our school & parish community who desperately require these spaces so do not deny them their right by parking inconsiderately.

We are working very hard to ensure visiting our school at any time of the day is a safe and pleasurable experience for all. I'm sure you will agree this is absolutely the right thing to do. We will continue to monitor the situation carefully over the next few weeks and will review & adapt where necessary.

Thanking you all in anticipation of your understanding & support

Mr S Tindall