



# Harrow Way Community School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to address a safety concern regarding the use of the car entrance and exit gates at the front of the school.

It appears that a small number of families are using this entrance or exit to drop off students or as a turning point for vehicles. This morning, a child was dropped off at the gates and ran through them, creating a situation that very nearly resulted in a serious accident. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but it has highlighted the importance of addressing this matter as it presents a risk to the safety of our students and other road users.

I understand completely that the recent poor weather has led to more families choosing to drive their children to and from school, and I recognise that the vast majority of our parents and carers are considerate and follow the rules of the road. However, for everyone's safety, the car entrance and exit gates must not be used for dropping off, picking up, or turning vehicles around.

Residents who live opposite the school have also contacted us to express concerns about the level of traffic and some unsafe manoeuvres in this area. As a result, the local council will be sending a traffic enforcement officer to observe the situation. They do have the authority to issue fines where traffic regulations are not being followed. This is not a school-led action, but I felt it was important to make families aware.

Although this issue relates to only a small number of vehicles, the potential risks mean that I need to remind all families:

- Students should be dropped off and collected safely and legally.
- The car entrance and exit gates are kept clear at all times.
- Road traffic regulations are followed.
- Local residents are treated with consideration and respect.
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Our shared priority is the safety and wellbeing of our children, and I am grateful for your continued support in helping us to maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs D German  
Headteacher

