



PEMBROKE
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Monday 14th September 2020

RE: Be Safe – travel to and from school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Having now completed more than a full week at Priory Pembroke and reflected on the traffic at the start and end of the day, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the impact of car parking when picking students up and provide some guidance to ensure the safety of our students and the local community. Traffic at the start of the day does not seem to be causing many problems as students do arrive at various times before our prompt 8:40am start. However, at 3:05pm there can be more difficulties as all students are leaving the site at the same time, causing somewhat of a 'bottleneck' situation.

Use of the Academy car park, lay-by on Croft Lane and the 'mini-roundabout' on the Academy site has always been the norm and is generally a safe method of drop off/pick up at the start and end of the day. I am glad to say that cars leaving the Academy site do so in a careful manner and always take consideration of the children walking home across the gate, often stopping to allow students to pass safely. Thank you for this.

Unfortunately, there is not enough space for all cars to use these areas and there has been parking opposite the lay-by on Croft Lane, albeit partially on the pathway. This can cause some issues with passing traffic, especially since the closure of Hawthorn Road means that traffic will use Croft Lane as a route to get to Lincoln city centre. I am sure all drivers can understand the impact this has on students who need to cross the road and traffic that need to pass the parked cars. I would also like to remind everyone that parking on the yellow zig-zag lines on the road is prohibited.

After consulting the Local Parish Council a possible solution of waiting in the Cherry Willingham and Reepham Village Hall car park has been suggested. This car park is a short walk from school. Children would need to cross two roads to arrive there – this should be taken into consideration.

As well as students travelling to Pembroke via car we also have a significant number of students who walk and bike to school. Please can all parents remind their children of the importance of safety in remaining on the footpaths and being especially careful when crossing the roads? The start and especially end of the school day can be busy times, therefore it is vital to be extra attentive. It is so pleasing to see so many of the student wearing helmets when using their bikes. I cannot stress enough the role a helmet can take in reducing injuries and potentially saving lives in the event of an accident.

Lastly, I would like to remind all parents that face coverings should be worn by all students on all school buses, whether they be service bus or dedicated to student transport. This is a recommendation from the Lincolnshire County Council.

The messages from this letter that apply to students have been communicated to them. The students have settled well to the new academic year, especially with the extra complications that a global pandemic has brought. I look forward to moving through the year, Achieving Together.

Kind regards,

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