



29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Disruption to Parking on Ashbourne Road**

Many of you may be aware that Wheeldon Brothers Ltd, who own the site to the right of our building, have recently had their housing planning application approved. We were contacted yesterday by Mr Andrew Startin, Production Director at Wheeldon, to inform us that from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020** they will be commencing some off-site sewer works to this site. During these works they will be working under a traffic management plan that will include the **use of traffic lights**.

This will obviously cause some disruption and parents may struggle to park in front of the development during this time; we have been advised that this phase of work will be for around 18 working days, however, this is not an exact time scale.

We have always encouraged families to walk to school wherever possible and suggest that whilst this site is being developed it would be, apart from the obvious health benefits, quicker and easier for those who are within walking distance to do so.

The safety of our pupils is always of paramount importance. Therefore, whilst we appreciate the difficulties the development works may cause for some, we cannot neglect our duties or deviate from the safety measures we have in place to ensure safe passage for all.

As such, we wish to remind parents that **the school car park is for staff, agreed visitors and school buses only**. *Having a disabled badge holder who remains in the car and is not taking a child to and from the school gates, does not entitle you to park in the disabled bay.* Parents parking on this carpark are not only endangering the safety on their own child(ren) but also to those children who come into school on a school bus and those walking into school from Rocester who have to walk across the carpark entrance. Posing a similar danger is using the entrance to the carpark as a dropping off and/or turning point; we would ask parents to refrain from doing this.

In summary, please:

- **Walk to school if you can.**
- If you have to come by car, try to share trips with neighbours or friends, observe the traffic regulations and park safely a short distance from the school to avoid congestion near to the school so that children can cross safely.
- Do not park on the school car park.
- Do not park, or wait, on the 'NO PARKING' chevron markings. These are there to keep children safe.
- Do not park on any of the pavements near school – in doing so you are blocking access and causing an endangerment to safety of pedestrians, wheelchair users and young children and prams/pushchairs.
- Do not block other people's driveways with your vehicle.

The safety of the children is our priority and we thank you in anticipation for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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