



Bramcote College

A member of The White Hills Park Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

25 February 2025

I wrote to you in December regarding concerns and queries raised around parking and traffic on Moor Lane and use of the school drive by both parents/carers and staff. I just wanted to remind you of some key points and re-share the excerpt below from my original letter.*

We have been informed that this week there will be increased police presence with parking enforcement for those parking illegally. I was on the gate yesterday and Police were in attendance near the primary school. I appreciate that most do not park illegally but, if possible, please drop and pick up your child further away from Moor Lane.

I would also like to remind you about access to the school drive. Vehicular access for 'drop off' and 'pick ups' to the school drive and outside reception is only available to parents with Drive Permits on display. Cars are not permitted to leave site between 3:20pm and 3:30 pm. We currently do not have restrictions on morning entry times for those with permits, but we may need to review this given the volume of unauthorised drop offs we are currently experiencing.

If your child is late to school and you have brought them to school in a vehicle, please do not use the school drive unless you have a Drive Permit. If the student pedestrian entrance is closed, your child should come up the main school drive on foot. If you have a meeting scheduled in school, you are free to use the school drive - please note though that cars cannot leave site between 3:20pm and 3:30 pm.

Drive Permits are available to parents if their child has mobility issues or any other issue which would require support in school and parent/carer drop off. If you feel that you would benefit from a Drive Permit, please contact school reception to complete a small form. You will be informed if you are successful in being granted a pass, subject to the time restrictions detailed above.

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Unfortunately, I continue to be genuinely concerned about traffic outside of the school on Moor Lane and the safety of all our young people and other pedestrians in the area, including those of primary age with their parents and carers. Moor Lane is a busy road, where congestion before, and after school is at an all-time high, placing pedestrians at great risk on a daily bases, despite our best efforts. We recently had a child clipped by a car making a three-point turn, which has further heightened my worries. While I appreciate that this message may not apply to everyone, I urge all parents driving on Moor Lane, or needing to access the school drive, to be mindful of others, especially when the poor weather and dark mornings and afternoons increase the volume of drop offs and pick ups.

I have spoken to some residents recently about the traffic situation who have raised concerns with me, including parents/carers parking across their drives and letting their engines run idle whilst waiting. I have also spoken with parents/carers who have shared that it is often difficult to walk along the pavement when cars park with two wheels on the pavement and, those in both cars and on foot have been worried about parked cars blocking the flow along the road and often causing dangerous driving conditions. While staff are on the gate every night and at times the situation requires us to take to managing the traffic on the road, this should not be necessary; please be polite to staff who are trying their best to keep children safe on the road and drive. If you are doing a drop off or pick up, please consider doing those a little further away from Moor Lane, to ease congestion. The Trust will be raising all these concerns with the local authority, to see if they are able to put any form of traffic calming/management in place.

Please note also that access to the school drive and reception is only available to parents with Drive Permits on display. Cars are not permitted to leave or enter the site between 3:20pm and 3:30 pm. Finally, and on a related note, if you child cycles to school, we will be checking that they are wearing helmets and hold a permit; wearing a helmet and having working lights and brakes are conditions of the permit, which is required if a student wishes to bring a bike to school.

School drop off and pick up can be challenging to say the least, please support us with this and in ensuring the safety of all the children who go to school on Moor Lane.

Warm regards,

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