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Dear Parent/Carers,

Next phase of expansion work and access to school

We are expecting work to start on the next phase of our expansion to our school **after this half term**. During this period, there will be only one access to school. This will be via the front gate on Leeds Road, all other gates and accesses to school will be locked during the expansion period.

It is strongly recommended that, until works are completely finished, wherever possible parents travel to and from school with their child as pedestrians. If you do need to use a car be aware that construction will be continuing and parking spaces around the immediate vicinity of school are very restrictive.

Parents coming into school with their children should access school via the main pedestrian gate in the morning and at the end of the school day. Parents may not access the school driveway as parking is **not permitted** in the school car park to drop off children at the start or pick up at the end of the school day, unless you have prior permission from the school or your child is attending Newts before or afterschool club.

If your child is allowed to walk to and from school on their own, please ensure you have spoken to them about road safety around the school so they are fully aware that there may be construction vehicles on or around the site. We will be reiterating this safety message at school.

Once again, I am asking for your support at this time and ask that you share this information with other members of your family or friends who may from time to time pick up your children.

Keeping the immediate vicinity outside of school free from parked cars will allow children and adults walking in and out of school to travel safely, where they can see and be seen by approaching traffic. The safety of our pupils must be a priority in everything that we do so please consider this if parking close to school; a 5-minute walk could make all the difference to the safety of the children especially at this time of expansion works.

I ask for your support to:

- not park, obstructing the view of vehicles exiting the main school entrance to Leeds Road.
- not park on the zigzag lines.
- avoid parking on the pavements outside of the school gates

- be mindful and respectful of the neighbours/residents close to the school by not parking in their parking spaces or block driveways and limit their access to their properties.

Please note any cars exiting the car park must give way to cars entering the car park from the very busy Leeds Road.

Please help us to create a school where children's safety outside school is a greater priority than convenient parking that puts children's lives at risk. Let's work together during this period to ensure that our children's safety is a priority and unsafe parking is seen as unacceptable.

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and would hope that you can make the necessary plans in advance to support the smooth running of the school during this period of building works.

I will endeavour to keep you updated on the exciting next phase of the school expansion and any further changes that may arise.

Mrs Wheatley
Headteacher