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## **Re: Consideration for our Local Community when Waiting Outside the School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have written to you previously concerning waiting on the pavement and parking outside the school. I am now writing again in response to complaints received from local residents concerning the large congregation of parents and carers gathering on the pavement outside the school during drop-off and collection times.

Unfortunately, it appears that many parents and carers are continuing to block passage on the pavement, by congregating across the path and not observing the Covid-19 social distancing rules. Consequently, local residents, many with pushchairs, are unable to pass on the pavement and are forced to step into the road. This raises safety issues for our local community and for children who may follow an adult example and step into the road.

During these unprecedented times, we find ourselves in unusual circumstances to which we have all adapted formidably. At Wildmoor Heath, we do everything possible to protect our staff and learners; we are pleased that the staggered arrival and departure times and arrangements are both respected and working well. However, the crowding across the pavement outside the school gates is causing a great deal of distress to our local community members. Our learners and staff value the wider Wildmoor Heath community enormously as part of our locality and I feel it is very important that we display respect towards all local citizens. This degree of care and consideration is commensurate with our schools values of respect, empathy and honesty.

I feel that this issue can be rapidly resolved with consideration. The pavements outside the school are wide and designed to allow pedestrians and bicycle users. May I ask you once again to stand close to the school fence, preferably in socially distanced lines, allowing adequate free space for other users to pass freely? In this way, we can ensure that appropriate space can be given to all pavement users, and no one should need to step into the road.

I would like to thank you in anticipation for your rapid response and support in achieving this request for all our Wildmoor community.

Best regards,

Leslie Semper  
Headteacher