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Dear parents and carers

School car park

During the last 12-18 months, we have been considering the present use and future use of the school car park. This issue has been discussed in Governors Meetings, meetings with representatives from the Local Education Authority, WCBC's Health and Safety Department and the WCBC Councillor with responsibility for education.

Following these discussions, the decision has been made, and approved by the school's Governing Body, **for the car park to be for staff use only. This means that, from September 1st onwards, parents and carers will not be able to park in the car park when dropping children off in the mornings, including for the breakfast club nor when collecting at the end of the day, including from the after school club nor when dropping off or collecting from Cylch Meithrin Bro Alun.** It was intended for this decision to come into force after the last Easter holidays in April, but due to the school being closed at the time, this was not possible.

This decision has been made to ensure the safety of children, parents and carers, staff and visitors in the school car park that is part of the school's grounds. The responsibility for everyone's safety on the school site lies with the head teacher and governing body under the guidance and safety processes of WCBC.

For a while, the car park has not been large enough for the staff and parents that park there in the mornings and the afternoons and has become very dangerous. Bro Alun is one of the only Wrexham schools that allow parents to park on school grounds and with the number of pupils at the school increasing and likely to increase further over the next few years, leading to an increase in a number of staff, the problem is only likely to escalate. Extending the car park was considered as the school is being extended, but unfortunately, it was not practical.

WCBC's Health and Safety Department have conducted a number of site visits on different days of the week and different times of the day to assess the situation and one of the main recommendations in the report was to change the use of the car park to staff only.

Other than staff, the only persons that will be allowed to use the car park will be parents / carers / grandparents / family members that have a blue badge displayed on their vehicles, taxis and buses that have been arranged by the WCBC's School Transport Department (not private taxis) and anyone that has been given prior permission by the school.

The Government are currently encouraging families to walk to schools wherever possible and we would also encourage this. However, we appreciate that this is not always possible, so if you do need to bring your child to school by car and park on the side of the road, please be considerate to people that live on Delamere Avenue or on adjacent streets by not parking across their driveways and blocking any access.

When the extension at the school has been completed, we will have use of the horseshoe shaped bus drop off and collection area and we will be looking at the possibility of utilising this as a drop off area for parents and carers.

There will be staff at the gates to ensure that only those allowed access to the car park enters. We will also be monitoring the road outside the school to see if there is the need to make an application for a crossing patrol.

Finally, to ensure everyone's safety on school grounds, I hope that I can count on your cooperation as we move forward with this change. Please ensure that this information is passed on to any family members, friends etc. that drop off and collect children at the school.

With thanks,

Osian Jones (Head Teacher)