

22nd January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Traffic Concerns

Staff on patrol during the busy morning drop-off period have noticed a number of incidents and near-misses on Wentworth Drive. Please find outlined below a reminder of our expectations to ensure our students are safe and our local community is happy.

Site Access

Access to our school site is by **permission only** and with given access by main reception during the school day. Access at the beginning and end of the school day is normally permitted for the parents/carers of our students who are vulnerable or have a medical need, for example a student is on crutches. We do allow the parents/carers of our Nightingale Unit students to drop off and collect and site to ensure our most vulnerable students are safe.

School Gates, Pedestrian Crossings and Turning

Please **do not** use our entrance to pull up, drop off students and then turn round and/or reverse onto Wentworth Drive. We are on a busy road and such actions are dangerous. In recent times we have seen an increase in such instances which has resulted in some near misses with passing traffic and students on bikes. In addition, we request that you **do not** drop your child off at a crossing or in front of the school. This causes other road users behind to get agitated and also slows down the traffic on Wentworth Drive. Please use the bays along Wentworth Drive for dropping off if you can.

Parking – Putnoe Woods Pre-School

Please **do not** park in the pre-school's car park. There is clear signage which indicates that this car park is private and parents/carers **should not** be using it to drop off and/or collect their child.

Students Cycling to School

It has been noted that most of our students are cycling to school without helmets, please encourage students to do so for their own safety.

Patrol Staff Commitment

To supervise and oversee the safety of our students we ensure that there are staff on patrol outside of school during the busy drop-off and pick-up times, also to supervise students waiting at the bus stops after school.

Thank you for your support with these requests. It is important we ensure we work together to keep all students and other members of our local community safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Foster
Headteacher