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Road Safety

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to make you aware of an incident outside school on Wednesday afternoon in which two of our pupils were almost involved in a serious road accident, as they tried to cross Common Lane. Had it not been for the swift action of one of our parents, who stepped in to stop the children crossing, this may not have been a near-miss. We are all very grateful to that person – thank you.

Common Lane is always very busy and pupils sometimes find it difficult to cross as most of the kerbside has a vehicle parked alongside it. We do advise the pupils to cross from the bus bay in front of the school gate, as from here there is a clear view of the length of Common Lane, and not to cross from between parked cars. However, children do sometimes forget, and it can be very confusing negotiating the traffic at the busiest times.

By coincidence, Sarah Appleyard, the DMBC Road Safety Officer was visiting school on the following day, so she has already spoken to all of the pupils in Key Stage 2 and reinforced this message.

I am writing to you to request that we all consider how we park and drive outside school, so that we can reduce the risk to our pupils. You can help in the following ways:

- **Please do not make u-turns on Common Lane.**
- **Please do not double park – Common Lane is not very wide at the best of times.**
- **Please do not park on the footpaths or the grass verges.**
- **Please do not park on the grassed area in front of the electricity sub-station.**

This may mean that you may have to leave your vehicle a little further from school or that you may need to allow a little more time for your journey, but this is worthwhile if it helps to keep our children safe. Whilst we cannot eliminate the risk entirely, we can take simple steps to ensure that we reduce the probability of an accident happening.

Please do pass this message to other people who may bring your children to school, but whom may not access our school message system. Thank you for your co-operation.

Miss Diane Risley
Headteacher

