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Dear Parent/Carer

Road safety

You may be aware that there was a road traffic accident on George V Avenue earlier this month, in which one of our students sustained injuries that necessitated hospitalisation. We are pleased to report that the young person in question is recovering well, however we remain concerned at the risks that crossing George V Avenue pose, particularly at this time of year in poor visibility weather.

Over the years, the school has been proactive in petitioning both the Local Authority and TfL to secure a safer environment for the school community. We were successful in getting the speed limit reduced outside the school to 30mph from 40mph and also in having a zebra crossing installed outside our Pinner Road exit. We have been less successful in our efforts to have a Pelican crossing installed on the junction of Pinner Road and George V Avenue, with TfL informing us that their priority is to maintain traffic flow. This therefore remains a junction at which the children should cross with great caution. The Harrow Secondary Headteachers have requested a meeting with the Local Authority on the issue of road safety around schools in general and we as a school will continue to put pressure on both TfL and the Local Authority to make this junction safer; we would welcome your support as a community on this matter.

We would also like to request your support as parents and carers in two other ways. Firstly, please continue to have conversations with your children about the importance of road safety: always crossing at the safest place; paying full attention to the road when they cross; not using their mobile phone as they cross; and finally, never running across a road or crossing when a traffic light is green or amber.

Secondly, we have observed a number of children being dropped off in the morning on George V Avenue without parents parking safely to do so, instead stopping on the carriageway and allowing children to jump out of the car into the outside lane of the road. George V Avenue is a dual carriageway with a 30mph speed limit outside the school and 40mph just beyond it. If a child were to be hit by a vehicle at this speed, they would almost certainly suffer severe injury.

Additionally, some parents and carers are repeating this dangerous practice in the afternoons, stopping in the outside lane and then allowing their children to run across the carriageway to get into the car. We do understand that it is not easy to park near to the school, but we cannot condone a practice that endangers our children. We would urge you therefore to please leave a little earlier and park somewhere safe to ensure that your child can disembark or access your vehicle safely.

We have asked both Harrow Council and the local Safer Neighbourhood team to support us in ensuring that children are dropped off and collected safely and also that the zigzag restrictions are observed, so children can cross safely and be seen. We very much appreciate your support in this matter, in the best interests of the well-being of our children.

Yours faithfully

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