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Dear Parents,

School Safety

Keeping children 'safe' is always an important issue and causes a lot of discussion:

- Too little could lead to 'danger' and 'accidents'
- Too much can cause 'fear' and 'lack of independence'.

Is the world a more dangerous place than 20 or 50 years ago? I wonder? The bombardment of media information certainly could make you feel that. I looked up 'school safety' on the internet, 9 pages of advice or 16 suggested statements for parents to 'check'! How many of you would read these?

At school we have a range of policies, procedures and rules, all only as good as the people who use them. We believe that all the children have a right, a value, to feel safe. If for any reason they do not they should speak to someone you, a friend, an older child, a member of staff. The important thing is to pass that information on so that it can be acted upon. Often it only takes a discussion to put things right. If an accident occurs at school we will deal with it and contact you, are your contact details up to date? Have you changed your mobile phone number?

Our 'School Council', 1 boy and 1 girl from each class meet about 4 times a term. They discuss safety amongst other things. One of their concerns is the arrival and departure at the beginning and end of each day. The road is narrow with poor pavements, people park without care and drivers often travel far too fast. **The children are concerned – as are our neighbours!**

You may be aware that the police have begun to visit more regularly to check parking and we hope that they will spend some time working with the children on road safety. Please do not complain '**respect**', our February value, is what is needed. The Highway Code provides guidance and the 'law is the law'. Let us all work together to improve things for everyone!

If any of you have any ideas on how to improve things please let me know. The police have forwarded a letter which I attach to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

K.G. Sheehan.

