

Thorpe Willoughby Primary School

25<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear Parent/carer,

It has been brought to the attention of the Governors that there have been a few 'near misses' involving children weaving in and out of parked cars on the entrance markings outside the school gates. The area is a small cul-de-sac with very little space and gets very busy and congested during school opening and closing hours with families and staff entering and exiting the school.

The safety of all our children is paramount. Although this area is outside of school grounds and it is parents' and children's own responsibility to keep safe on their way to and from school we firmly believe everyone has a duty to ensure the safety of all children who use this access.

The area outside the school gates is under the highways authority and we have occasionally had the cooperation of the police to reinforce the parking restrictions. There are now clear signs stating 'NO Parking' during school hours. However we ask that ALL parents are involved, all the time, in keeping our all our children safe by not parking in the restricted parking zone as we feel by disregarding these signs and parking in this area Thorpe Willoughby children are being put at risk.

The gates to the school need to be kept clear to allow access for the staff cars as well as other vehicles that may need to enter the area, including coaches and if necessary the emergency services. It is also important to remember the residents of this area as there have been times when home owners have actually been unable to access or exit their driveways because of parents parking in this no parking zone when collecting and dropping off children.

There are safe places available to park. The Village Hall is just as close as parking next to the school, there are disabled spots available here also, or The Fox Pub kindly allows the use of its car park for school drop offs and pickups leaving only a short walk along Londesborough Grove.

We are sure everyone appreciates the need for the no parking zone and we ask for everyone's cooperation in ensuring the continuing safety of all our children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please bring these to the attention of the governors via the school office.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Faithfully,

Thorpe Willoughby Governing Body

