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Dear Parents and Carers

The return to school for the children is going well with many of them being able to slot back into their routines from before. However, there is sadly one area that we need to work together to improve upon and that is drop off and collection.

Many of you take the time in the morning or afternoon to park your car and come onto the school site to collect your child, which is great. So this appeal goes out to those of you who are driving into school to drop off or collect your children. Please remember that the purpose of this facility is for dropping off and picking up. Cars should not be stopping ('parking') on the roundabout to wait for children. This is causing many issues:

- It is causing a queue to form and back out onto the road, consequently causing problems with through traffic on Station Road.
- Engines are being left running while the vehicle is stopped which is causing fumes to linger in the air. This is becoming a health and safety problem. People wearing face masks are finding it hard to breathe due to the fumes being trapped inside.
- We are also starting to see erratic driving as some people are becoming frustrated at having to wait.
- Children being encouraged to go between cars to get to their parent, which is an accident waiting to happen.
- Some parents are unable to get to their children in time as they are caught up in queues.
- Deliveries are unable to get on to site for the school or The Ark.

If you are having to wait for your child, please park your car in an appropriate place and do not sit 'parked' on the roundabout. It is lovely that we actually have a facility where you can come on to the site to drop off and collect in this way. Many schools do not have this facility and the gates are closed. So, please can I appeal to you to use the facility for the purpose that it was intended for.

Your sincerely

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