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Road Safety Outside Ravenscote

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you once again about road safety and in light of a recent incident involving a child from Ravenscote and a car outside our premises last week. Happily, the child involved was okay; however, this incident serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of road safety, particularly in the vicinity of our school.

As you have undoubtedly noticed, both the Old Bisley Road and Upper Chobham Road are extremely busy at peak times—before and after school. While the school has limited control over the traffic situation, which is managed by the County Council, I believe we have a collective responsibility to educate our children about road safety, continuously remind families of their role in ensuring a safe environment, and encourage as many families as possible to walk to school whenever feasible.

It is worth noting that a significant proportion of the traffic during drop-off and pick-up times is comprised of cars heading to other local schools, emphasising the need for increased awareness and action on our part.

Following the unfortunate incident last week, I have reached out to our new local MP, Dr Al Pinkerton. On page two of this letter, you will find his response, which I believe represents a constructive step forward. For several years, I have sought support for road safety initiatives from our previous MP, and I am hopeful that this communication will lead to positive changes.

This weekend, I kindly ask you to take some time to revisit the principles of road safety with your children, as we have been doing in school. If you do choose to drive to school, please remember to park your vehicle safely and with due consideration for our neighbours and other road users. Additionally, I urge you to assist your children to the school gates, consistently avoiding stopping on the yellow zig-zags or turning in the front gate entrance when dropping your children off.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this matter. Together, we can create a safer environment for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Wells
Headteacher





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Dear Mrs Wells,

Many thanks for your email about the recent incident outside Ravenscote School. As a former parent of Ravenscote pupils, I was very sorry to read that another child had been hit on Old Bisley Road.

Whilst I am incredibly relieved that the child is ok, I can understand that this must have been extremely distressing for all involved. I also appreciate that this is the third time that such an incident has occurred, and that action must be taken before there is a fourth occurrence.

The safety of children outside the school must be the highest of priorities. I will write to County Councillor Edward Hawkins, and the Chief Executive of Surrey County Council, today to ask that your concerns are urgently addressed and to request an urgent review of road safety measures outside the school.

Thank you again for contacting me and please do not hesitate to do so again if I can be of any assistance going forward.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Al Pinkerton MP
Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath

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