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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Vehicle Access between the Football Ground and the College

We write to inform you that the vehicle barrier between the College and the football stand is being re-installed this weekend.

Since the previous barrier was damaged and then removed, the lane has been increasingly used by drivers as a short-cut. The lane between the College and the football ground is a footpath and should not be used as a short-cut for vehicles. The college has facilities within the football ground and the re-installment of the barrier will not only reduce the danger to children moving between the two sites during the college day as well as when they arrive in the morning and leave at the end of the school day, but for all members of the local community who use the footpath.

Unfortunately, a significant minority of parents/carers continue to drive and park irresponsibly around the vicinity of, and in the access lanes leading to the school. This endangers pedestrians, other road users and local residents (for instance by blocking fire exits to neighbouring properties). As previously requested on numerous occasions, please ensure that arrangements are made in advance to drop off and collect students further away from the college site. There is nowhere in the immediate vicinity of the college site for drivers to park safely, sensibly, or considerately: please do not attempt to do so. (Some students with mobility issues are exempt from this, by arrangement).

Colleagues, parents/carers and members of the public have raised concerns regarding the danger to our students and others caused by the actions of drivers. The most effective way for safety to improve is for drivers to act responsibly and in the best interests of the whole community.

Yours sincerely

The Spires College