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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Road Safety

On Tuesday this week all mentors read out a message to students from me explaining the importance of road safety. We have had an increased staff presence around Budds Lane this week and have seen students behaving sensibly and safely. This morning, I was pleased to see students using the designated crossings from Chalet Hill onto the old A325 correctly and sensibly.

However, yesterday a student ran across Budds Lane to meet his parents in the park and stride, causing a driver to perform an emergency stop which resulted in our student being hit by the car's nearside wing mirror. Thankfully, owing to the driver's swift action, our student was not badly injured. A half second's difference would have resulted in a full impact hit with the front of the car and potentially devastating consequences.

Also on Tuesday, I contacted our Hampshire County Councillor and officers to express my concerns about the lack of pavement and designated crossings around the park and stride area at the Oakhanger Road end of Budds Lane and at the Hogmoor Road junction. I have also re-stated my strong preference for a 20mph limit along Budds Lane to make school travel safer for pupils and parents in all 3 schools. Earlier today, I met with our Hampshire County Councillor, Councillor Adam Carew to discuss my concerns further. I am pleased to report that he shares my concerns and is strongly supportive of these improvements. I also spoke with a County Council Officer who is sharing my concerns with his senior colleagues.

Mrs Wallond, and our student council will be running a student survey for suggestions of how our routes to school could be made safer. I will share these suggestions with Hampshire County Council who are responsible for our roads and footways.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you would discuss with your children the importance of road safety and any suggestions that they could put forward through their student council.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher