



Grasmere Nursery School

Tadpoles Baby & Toddler Unit

Head Teacher

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CAR PARK UPDATE 2

Dear Parents & Carers of Tadpoles and Grasmere

As promised in my letter of 18th December, I am writing to update you on the current situation.

LBC's Health and Safety Adviser for Schools carried out a second monitoring site visit on 8th January, and we were joined by a Luton Road Safety Officer. We monitored the car park and Icknield Way in front of the school from 07.45 to 9.00am, which is the busiest time of the day. It was noted that the layby in front of Tadpoles was used by a constant stream of parents and carers from 7.50am, that all children got safely out of their cars onto the pavement, and that the flow of traffic along Icknield Way moved freely and consistently.

The decision to stop the car park being used by parents, carers and children attending the Nursery was not taken lightly by the Governing Body; most school car parks are closed to parents, because they can be hazardous and are not safe for children. As a school and a governing body, we have had concerns raised by various members of staff, with regard to children running around the car park.

The car park had never been advocated to be used by parents and carers from either Grasmere or Tadpoles, but over the last few years the use of the car park has not been addressed. The Governing Body and I have therefore had to look at the implications and the decision was made to ensure the safety of all users to the site.

However, the governors and I do take on board comments from some parents about the speed of the traffic on Icknield Way. I have requested that a 'School Warning' road sign be displayed on Icknield Way, and our Chair of Governors will be sending an email to the Highways Department at Luton Borough Council to find out what else can be done to limit speed on the road. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Best wishes to you all

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