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Dear Parents/Carers

OLD KENT ROAD LINE MARKING AND NEW PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT DISMISSAL

On Wednesday afternoon the Traffic Council marked parking lines in our council car park as well as on Old Kent Road.

On Old Kent Road, you will notice that there are now parking lines that are marked right outside our school gate which will once again raise the safety concern of students walking out of the gate and crossing the road to get to their parents/carers car. You will also notice that the sign there reads, "*Pick up and drop off zone*" which adds another layer of complexity to our dismissal of students.

The '*pick up and drop off zone*' works well in the morning due to different students arriving at different times, however, this in its current format is a safety hazard for students being dismissed at 3:00pm.

As a staff we are all very concerned about this new set up and we will be contacting the Traffic Council to further discuss this matter. We will keep you informed of any updates in regards to this.

As a precaution starting from today there will be a teacher on duty to ensure that students are exiting the school grounds safely.

We will be asking students to exit one at a time and ensuring that their parents are there to pick them up and help them to safely cross "Old Kent Road".

We are also asking parents to assist us with this, especially in this very early implementation phase, by meeting your child/ren at the front of the gate or outside their classroom and assist them in crossing the road to your car.

In the next few weeks we will also be installing silver seats, just like at the bus stop area, for children to sit and wait for their parents.

Thank you so much for your support with this matter.

Androula Kavallaris Principal Selena McPhee Deputy Principal