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Dear Parents,

Near miss incident on 17 November 2017

It has come to the attention of governors that despite our repeated requests, parents are still driving right to the school and parking directly outside the gates. On 17 November at 3.30pm, after parking outside the school, a parent was making a rushed get away and reversed into the driveway alongside the school. Two of our youngest pupils were playing in the bush and came out behind the car on to the pavement at that moment. The driver of the grey Volvo did not see them and almost hit them. Luckily, a few nearby adults managed to alert the driver just in time. Without their speedy intervention this incident could have ended tragically.

I am sure that those of you who walk, cycle or park at Snells Hall are tired of our repeated letters on this subject and I offer my apologies. As governors we are tired of these letters being ignored by a small minority of parents. We are imploring you to stop driving up to school. We are trying to keep your children safe, the road to the school is narrow and difficult to turn in particularly when there are lots of small children around. **There is no excuse for driving to the school gate unless you have special permission from Ms Tansley. It is selfish and dangerous.**

We also want to echo Ms Tansley's advice in her newsletter last week. It is essential that parents and carers keep a very close eye on children in their care at drop off and pick up and encourage you, when parking at Snells Hall, to please walk via the Snells Wood path to avoid the dangers of Church Street, it only takes 30-60 seconds longer. When travelling to and from school and in the school grounds please lead by example and do not walk or stand in the road and keep an especially close rein on your children on Church Street if you do choose that route. If you live locally you might consider walking or cycling to school it is good exercise and a great start to the day and in many cases it is quicker than driving to Snells Hall and walking.

Best wishes,
Richard Case
Chairman of Governors