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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you to ask for your support in speaking to your child about the issue of road safety. We have, over the last few days, had several concerns raised by parents and motorists about extremely unsafe behaviour, both on Apple Tree Avenue and by the Nags Head shops, as well as in other neighbouring roads, as our students have been travelling to and from the Academy. In fact, it was reported that two students were almost run over this week due to not paying attention whilst crossing the road.

In response to this, and in an attempt to ensure the safety of our students, we have increased staff presence on the gates both at the start and end of the day. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, but it is ultimately students who must take responsibility for their own safety, hence us asking you to reiterate its importance at home.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) state that every month over 1,200 children are injured in traffic collisions that happen within 500m of a school, and that almost half of all accidents that happen on roads occur between 3pm and 6pm.

As I am sure you will agree the prospect of any one of our students being seriously injured or worse due to failure to follow simple road safety rules, or the advice of staff, is the last thing anyone of us want. Therefore, may I please request that you reinforce the message about road safety and how they can look after themselves whilst out in the Community. That is, when crossing the road, they should be sensible, aware of the traffic, and cross safely obeying traffic and crossing signals.

I would also like to draw your attention to the behaviour policy on our website that clearly states:

"Teachers can sanction students at any time the student is in the Academy or elsewhere under the charge of a teacher, including school visits. Teachers can also discipline students for misbehaviour outside school."

Teachers have a statutory power to sanction students for misbehaving outside of the Academy premises. Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives Principals a specific statutory power to regulate students' behaviour in these circumstances "to such extent as is reasonable."

Teachers may sanction a student for any misbehaviour when the child is:

- taking part in any academy-organised or academy-related activity or
- travelling to or from the Academy or
- wearing the Academy uniform or
- in some other way identifiable as a student at the academy
- or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:
- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the Academy or
- poses a threat to another student or member of the public or
- could adversely affect the reputation of the Academy."

Many thanks as always for your ongoing support in this matter.

Kind regards

Jack Taylor  
Senior Assistant Principal

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