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Road Safety

As you are all aware, we have had a number of road safety incidents where members of Merry Hill and Ashfield school communities were victims of dangerous and inconsiderate driving.

We have had children pushed off the footpath on their way to and from school. We have had cases of parents and carers with buggies being forced to leave the pavement because drivers have chosen to mount the pavement to park in order to drop their children off. We have cases of parents and carers stopping on the yellow zigzag lines in order to pick up and drop off their children.

Currently in the roads around our schools we have the added challenge of the large vehicles belonging to the contractors carrying out the building works at St Margaret's.

We must all take more care. Please consider:

- Do you really need to drive up or down School Lane?
- Can you walk to school?
- Can you use the facility that the Bushey Country Club has kindly offered and park your car there and walk up the hill? (Park & Stride) Thank you to all our families who already do this regularly

If using School Lane is unavoidable:

- Be vigilant
- Park with consideration to other drivers and pedestrians

If you witness inconsiderate parking, careless or dangerous driving, please make a note of the vehicle registration number and report this to the police using the non-emergency number (101).

Please be aware that a person convicted of causing death by dangerous driving is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years.

Careless driving carries a punishment of between three and nine penalty points and a fine of up to £5,000.00.

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The staff and children of Merry Hill will also make Road Safety a key learning priority next week. We will be holding an assembly and discussing the importance of how to behave near busy roads, the best places to cross, writing to our local MP to support our cause and making posters to highlight the need for pedestrian and driver safety awareness on busy roads.

The Ashfield staff will be addressing road safety within assemblies and their Snack & Chat Sessions.

You can support us by:

- Using Park & Stride
- Talking with your child about road safety

Together we can keep our children safe.

Once again thank you for your co-operation.

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