



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

Foundry Road Stamford Lincolnshire PE9 2PP

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Dear Parents

As many of you are aware a child was injured after the end of the school day yesterday and an ambulance was required to provide emergency care.

Unfortunately, on arrival the ambulance could not turn into the school car-park due to several cars being parked on the zigzags.

As a school community we have a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of all our children and it is imperative that everyone pulls together and heeds the schools requests not to park in areas where they are not allowed to do so, which also includes the staff car park.

Please could I ask you to ensure that the zigzag area outside school is kept clear at all times. With reference to a letter from Lincolnshire Police, which was sent out to all parents earlier this year, they advise 'you must not wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings'. As parking is at a premium, please make allowances for arriving in plenty of time to ensure you can walk any distances to drop off or pick up your child from school. I do understand that many parents work and that sometimes the run to school is a rush but I'm sure you will agree that the safety of the children is paramount and needs to be our prime concern.

On another matter of safety, no child should be allowed to play in the school car park as their parents wait to pick up their older children at the end of the day, as was witnessed last week. This puts them at great risk and staff have been put in very dangerous and difficult positions when leaving or arriving at school.

Please can I also remind all parents that no children should be on the school field and the school play equipment before the school day and also at the end of the school day. At the present time, it is also very muddy and wet leading to this area being very slippery. Following on from yesterday, may I once again ask all parents to ensure that their children stay with them and do not venture into this area. This is for their safety and well-being.

Many of you approached me yesterday evening at our Carol Service to enquire how the pupil was and also to express your concerns. I am pleased to let you know that he is recovering well and looking forward to returning to school. I look forward to us all working together to ensure that the school remains accessible and that we actively demonstrate a united approach to ensuring all St Gilbert's children are safe at all times.

Thank you to you all for your support in this matter.

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