



# Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure many of you are aware of the road traffic collision that happened this morning outside our school on Aspen Way. I wanted to reassure families that no-one was seriously hurt.

This incident was incredibly shocking and frightening for anyone who witnessed it and it serves as a reminder of how important it is to drive safely, particularly near our school.

Over the past few months, school staff have witness many incidents that are unsafe and, sometimes, illegal near our school and we feel it will only be a matter of time before someone, possibly a child, is seriously hurt. A few examples of these are:

- Parents and carers parking on zig-zag or Keep Clear markings or single yellow lines near school. The cars often cause an obstruction or reduce visibility near the school site which is unsafe for other road users, pedestrians and, especially, our children.
- Parents and carers turning around in the middle of the road when there is waiting traffic coming from both directions.
- Parents and carers using the school car park – swinging in very quickly which poses as danger to school staff and families walking across the car park. The school car park is for staff use only.
- Parents and carers stopping in the road to drop off children for school, causing an obstruction.
- Parents and carers parking in front of drop-down kerbs blocking the entrances to people's drives.

Please can I urge parents and carers to take more care when parking near school. Only do so where is it safe and legal. Ideally, whenever you can, leave your car at home and walk. Not only does this have many health benefits but is also reduces the volume of traffic on Aspen Way at the start and end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Lane  
Headteacher