



# KINGSWOOD SCHOOL

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To All Parents

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Dear Parents,

## **Complaints Regarding Parents' Behaviour in Shirley Institute Car Park**

I regret to inform you that I have received complaints from two parents regarding the behaviour of some other parents in the Shirley Institute Car Park in the mornings.

These parents have informed me that some parents, rather than parking their cars and walking their children to the school gate, are just dropping them off and driving off before their child's temperature has been checked. They have expressed concerns about:

1. Children being allowed into School who could have a high temperature;
2. Children possibly coming to harm after being left by their parents.

Taking point 1 first, I would like to reassure you that my staff have informed me that they always perform a temperature check on all children before signalling to their parents that all is OK. There is, therefore, no possibility that a child with a high temperature could be left at School by mistake.

With regard to point 2, I am sure you all realise that, as the Shirley Institute Car Park does not belong to Kingswood School, I am unable to dictate how parents should behave in that car park. However, you will be aware that, from time to time, I do remind parents of the need to drive carefully and to look after their own children whilst in the car park.

It would appear that this may indeed be one of those times when a timely reminder might be in order and so I am asking parents to help us all by doing the following:

1. Park up safely on arrival in the Shirley Institute Car Park;
2. Escort your child to the School Gate at the allotted time (not before).

Please note that, as we have previously given permission for parents to drop off younger siblings at the same time as an older child (in order to ease congestion in the car park), you may see some younger children at the gate at your child's allotted time. (My staff are fully prepared for this and it should not cause a problem.)

I am sorry to have to bring this matter to your attention. One of the great strengths of the Kingswood Community has always been the willingness of everyone to consider the needs of all. In these rather strange and difficult times, I am sure that the "Kingswood Spirit" will help us all.

With warmest best wishes from both Mrs Luckham and me,

Yours sincerely,  
Rob Luckham