



**THE
COWPLAIN
SCHOOL**

19 September 2018

Headteacher
Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

Dear Parent

SCHOOL SITE

We have noticed a small minority of parents are driving at speed onto The Cowplain School site. Some drivers are also using the area directly outside the pre-school, Growing Places, as a turning circle. We are sure you appreciate the danger of this; it is a busy area with children crossing, including some very young ones.

You will be aware that we have site staff and teaching staff on duty and we politely request that if you drive onto the school site, you do so with the utmost caution and with respect for children, other parents and duty staff. Please ensure that you do not execute turning manoeuvres outside the pre-school, but drive around the car park to leave the site.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that, for the safety of students leaving the school site at 2.30pm, we close the exit road until 2.40pm and ask for no movement of vehicles on the site during this 10 minute period. This works really well to protect students and the parents who wait for the release of traffic do so very respectfully. However some parents are parking on the yellow lines, or in the gateways at the front of the school, to avoid waiting until 2.40pm to leave. Please be aware that the council has received complaints from local residents and other road users about this dangerous parking and will be undertaking checks and issuing penalties to any cars parked illegally.

We do appreciate the support we receive from the vast majority of parents for the safety of children on the school site as pedestrians depend on drivers' care and attention at all times.

Yours sincerely

Mr NB Brockhurst
Deputy Headteacher