



**THE
COWPLAIN
SCHOOL**

Headteacher

Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

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Dear Parent

SCHOOL SITE

I am writing to all parents to thank you for working with us to keep our site and the roads in the immediate vicinity safe. However, there are a few points I would like to draw your attention to.

We have noticed that some parents are driving at speed onto The Cowplain School site and are sure you will appreciate the danger that this presents, as it is a busy area with children crossing.

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 staff on duty. Please ensure that you do not execute turning manoeuvres outside the nursery, but drive around the car park to leave the site.

The Waterlooville Community Speed Watch group, who work closely with Hampshire Police, have provided us with results from their surveys undertaken in Hart Plain Avenue. As you may be aware, CSW normally position themselves directly in front of The Cowplain School, so this gives us a good indication of average speeds. Hart Plain Avenue has a speed limit of 20mph and their results are quite surprising. Despite the survey being taken directly in front of a school, and on a road which has three schools, nearly 75% of vehicles were speeding. CSW have passed their recordings of speeding and illegal parking on to Hampshire Police for action.

We would also like 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. The yellow lines are there to ensure the safety of students and to provide clear vision along Hart Plain Avenue and parents run the risk of incurring parking fines if they park 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