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Child and Road Safety – Parent Response Needed

Dear Parent,

In recent weeks we have received concerns about children's safety at drop off and collection times. We recognise the concerns parents have about their child's safety when near or crossing the road. However, this is an area of strongly held opinions as closing the Ladydell Cul De Sac within the past week has clearly demonstrated. Typically, there is a balance to be struck between maintaining children's safety and enabling child drop off and collection to be completed with the minimum delay for busy families. In the interests of maintaining safe passage to and from school; school staff are often drawn right into the middle of this issue and this can result in difficult conversations and occasionally physical and verbal abuse towards school staff. However, patrolling and intervening on highways is not, strictly speaking, the responsibility of school staff – it is certainly a grey area. To that end we are asking **EVERY FAMILY** to complete a new on-line questionnaire that will help us understand parent perspectives and concerns; and represent these with local and county councillors on your behalf. Ultimately, we hope to improve both children's safety and maintain the support of the vast majority of families in doing so – so we really need to hear your views in this questionnaire.

The questionnaire seeks to, from a parent perspective:

- determine whether the actions we are taking have made a positive difference
- determine whether we should continue or stop patrolling or intervening on highways;
- gain feedback about near misses you may have experienced or witnessed;
- consider any other alternatives to improve child and family safety at drop off and collection times.

The questionnaire:

- will take approximately 15 minutes
- **must be completed by Friday 9th October 12:00 p.m.**

Please visit our new child and road safety web page below to complete the questionnaire and to access reference materials for dropping off and collecting:

HOME > PARENTS > DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING SAFELY

<https://www.chesswood.w-sussex.sch.uk/page/?title=Dropping+Off+and+Collecting+safely&pid=1121&action=saved>



Responses will be analysed and shared with parents, anonymously, and next steps planned following the closure of the questionnaire on Friday 9th October.

Yours sincerely,