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Dear Parent/Carer

Road Safety – Please Help

We have previously written to you about our concerns for our pupils' road safety as they walk to and from school and indeed as they travel within our own school grounds. Our concerns include:

- Walking in groups, several abreast, resulting in some pupils walking on the road instead of the pavement
- Crossing road junctions such as Carronrange Road and Muirfield Road in large numbers, without paying due regard to turning traffic
- Wearing headphones preventing the sound of traffic being heard
- Not using designated points (pedestrian lights and crossings) to cross the road
- Entering and exiting via the bottom gate at the school (closest to Carronrange Gardens) which is for vehicular access only as there is no designated footpath.

I would be most grateful if you could stress with your child the importance of practising basic road safety rules and paying due regard to traffic:

- Enter/exit the school grounds using the gate at the Carronrange School end of the car park
- Stay on the pavements both inside and outwith the school grounds
- Use designated points to cross the main roads (Main Street, King Street, Bellsdyke Road)
- Stop and check for traffic when crossing at junctions, making sure the way is clear before they proceed instead of hoping that 'safety in numbers' will suffice
- If they are listening to music, the volume should not block out the sound of traffic.

It is essential that our pupils follow these basic rules to ensure their safety, particularly with deteriorating weather and diminishing light conditions.

In addition to this we have previously written to advise that should parents wish to drop their children at school they should not enter the car park to do so, and, in particular, have no access to the rear of the school (some parents have been dropping their children off at the back of C block!). All children should be dropped off/picked up outwith the school grounds.

We just want all of our young people to be as safe as possible and appreciate your help with this.

Yours sincerely

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