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Dear Parent/Carer,

**School Street – travel to school update**

The Academy has always made the safety of our students and community a priority and this is particularly important at school drop off and pick up times.

We continue to receive regular complaints regarding unsafe and inappropriate driving and parking around the Academy and Kingsleigh Primary School, in particular on Hadow Road and the road around the side and rear of Kingsleigh Primary School (Bennion Road and Ibbett Road).

The Academy is unable to enforce any parking and/or driving restrictions on public roads and therefore we ask that you please consider the implications that unsafe travel has and how that could impact the school community. After passing on emails of concern to the Local Authority, BCP Council have requested more support from parking enforcement and has encouraged families to email [parking@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parking@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) if you are concerned by parking or inappropriate driving on public roads.

We ask that you strongly consider how you park and drive around the school sites of The Bourne Academy and Kingsleigh Primary School, especially during drop off and pick up times. We encourage you to show consideration and respect to all other road users.

**School Street**

A School Street is where the road outside a school is legally closed to motor vehicles for a short period of time at the beginning and end of the school day.

Alongside Kingsleigh Primary School and BCP Council, it has now been agreed that a School Street will be set up on Hadow Road and will cover Hadow Road from Bennion Road up to the entrances of both schools.

The School Street will be in place Monday to Friday in term time from 8:15am to 9:00am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm via a timed Traffic Order. It will be an offence to drive in the school street area during these times unless you have an exemption. Exemptions will be granted to blue badge holders, staff and residents if they require to enter or leave the school street area during these times. A barrier will be in place on the road for some of the road closure time and staff from both Kingsleigh Primary School and the Academy will be present to welcome families arriving at the School Street on foot, scooter or cycle.

The School Street will begin on Monday 14 October and will be trialed for a minimum of six months.

We would encourage those that drive their children to school to park further away from the Academy and walk the final distance to drop off and pick up your child.

A letter from BCP Council and FAQ sheet about School Street are attached for your information.

We appreciate your support with this matter.

**The Bourne Academy**