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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you regarding an incident on Doyle Avenue that occurred this week as pupils were leaving school at 3.05pm. To ensure that all pupils exit the site and cross Doyle Avenue safely, staff wearing high-vis jackets have been standing in the road to escort pupils across. This week, one parent picked up their child from our school and then drove at staff in a threatening manner, almost knocking four members of staff over. This aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated; staff are acting in the best interests of your children and the school community to keep everyone safe, and as a result, this matter has been reported to the police.

We have raised our concerns about traffic on Doyle Avenue, especially parents insisting on stopping directly outside the school gates to pick up their children, and the lack of a crossing to ensure pupils can cross the road safely, with the Local Authority.

As a result, from Monday 02 October the Local Authority will issue a temporary emergency road closure for 21 days on Doyle Avenue from its junction with Milton Place, to the bend north of the school gates. This will be operated by Traffic Management Staff from Cardiff Council, and will be separate from the school. The closure will be in effect in the afternoons, initially from 3pm to 3.20pm, although the officers on site will be able to extend the times to safeguard the pupils if necessary.

Please note, the reason for this action is to ensure pupil safety by separating pedestrians from moving traffic. Staff will continue to remind pupils about road safety, and we would appreciate your cooperation in taking the opportunity to speak to your children about this issue also.

If you need to collect your children by car, we ask that you please consider parking further away from the school, and that you be considerate to local residents when you park.

We also remind you that pupil access from Fairwater Road is still available.

I am sorry to have to write to you about this matter and request that the Local Authority take this action to ensure the safety of both staff and pupils. I urge all parents and carers to behave in a responsible way to keep our school community safe.

Yours sincerely

MRS D GILL

Headteacher