

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re. Drop Off and Collection**

I have been meeting over the last few weeks with local residents and the Manager of the Evington Leisure Centre to discuss the traffic at the start and end of the school day. There are many other schools that have seen traffic and parking restrictions put in place because of the inconsiderate nature of the driving of parents and carers. So far at The City of Leicester College, we have all worked together to ensure students can be collected and dropped off in an orderly way that does not negatively affect the local community. I know that our car park has been significantly safer since parents and carers without permission stopped using it for collection and drop off and I thank you all for respecting this.

From the discussion I have had however, our local community feel that things are not as good beyond the school gates recently and too many parents are being inconsiderate to the needs of other road users. On behalf of local residents and business owners I would like to politely request:

- That if students can walk or bike to and from school, they do. This is good for children's health and also reduces traffic.
- That parents or carers who do need to drop off, do so quickly and then move on. This will reduce the build-up of traffic in the morning.
- That parents or carers, who do need to collect, park further along Downing Drive and do not park in the leisure centre car park on grass verges or on corners. This will ensure that cars are spread up and down the road and also means that traffic can continue to flow.

The biggest frustrations from those living and working near the school has been to do with the final bullet point above. For example, parents/carers parking along the metal fence in the leisure centre car park blocks access for those wishing to use the facilities. Local residents report being stuck in their drive ways and also lots of aggressive confrontations between drivers who are unable to get down the road because other parents/carers have positioned their car illegally and inconsiderately.

I know that the school collection and drop off can be a stressful time with other children at different schools, or trying to get to and from work. I ask though, that we work together in order to avoid traffic wardens or traffic management making things more difficult for us all in the long run.

Kind regards



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