



# St Luke's Science and Sports College

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Principal: Dave Holt



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: College Car Park and Harts Lane - Drop Off & Pick Up

I am writing to you with regard to the on-going problem with congestion in the College Car Park in the mornings and particularly at the end of the College day that is creating a significant risk to the safety of staff, students and other drivers.

**I must ask therefore that you support us by NOT dropping off or picking up your child from within the College Car Park or from along Harts Lane.**



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I understand how busy family life is, particularly with the 'school run' in the morning and afternoon, but even when late, in bad weather or for whatever reason, please avoid the College Car Park. It was never designed for the current volume of traffic and it is 'gridlocked' on a regular basis as a result.



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The Car Park will effectively be closed to all unauthorised traffic with immediate effect between the times of 8:30am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 3:30pm. I am afraid that I will be turning cars away as I must prioritise the health and welfare of the students and staff and I hope that you will appreciate that this far outweighs the need for a short walk from the surrounding area.

Access will only be given for staff and for students who have particular needs and/or disabilities to support their accessibility arrangements. Car Parking Cards for such students can be requested and arranged by contacting the College Reception.



B.I.G. BULLYING INTERVENTION GROUP

I have been in contact with the City Council to support us to improve the situation with traffic flow, with perhaps a second exit from the Car Park. In addition, we have requested that Harts Lane have no parking or passing zones, but for now, avoiding the Car Park completely is the obvious and only solution.



Devon County Council TRAVELWISE

I have also asked for the Community Police to support us and have contacted other emergency services to support a risk assessment as such congestion has prevented Ambulances from accessing and leaving the site, which I am sure you would agree is totally unacceptable.



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I spoke to a number of drivers this morning who were very understanding and appreciative of the situation and I thank them sincerely for this. Members of our local Community have shared their frustration with me however as the constant gridlock has been a significant problem for them. I totally understand their plight also, which only serves to support our actions.



Youth Sport Trust

Every student will have been given a copy of this letter in addition to an email circulation and posting on the website to ensure that all Parents and Carers are fully aware of the situation.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated in helping us to provide a safe environment and I thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements.

Very best wishes

Dave Holt, Principal



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