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Principal: Mr P. Wilson

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to share a concern that has been raised with the college in respect of problems being created by drivers picking up and dropping off students on De-Montfort Street. The problem is not new and I have written an open letter before on the subject. However, it appears to be becoming increasingly worse and consequently it is necessary to write once again.

Both the police and Council have been made aware of our concerns and have been asked to increase patrols to try and tackle the problem.

Specific issues include:

- Stopping across the entrance to the college
- Parking on double yellow lines either side of the college gates
- Double parking

This pattern of behaviour significantly reduces visibility for drivers leaving the college, increasing the risk of an accident and injury. In particular, the police and I wish to stress that the street markings are intended to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other road users. They are there to ensure no car parks where it could be considered unsafe or inappropriate, even for just a few moments. Parking or waiting in these places is at least anti-social and can also create additional risks and dangers for pedestrians or other drivers.

I therefore ask you to take note of the following points and work with us to try to address the concerns as far as possible;

- 1) As we are based at the very heart of an already congested city, please try to avoid travelling to college by car if you can and consider walking, cycling or using public transport options wherever possible. There are of course considerable recognised health, or even financial benefits to walking or cycling.
- 2) If being dropped off by car is necessary, please ensure the stopping point is in a safe area, well away from entrances, pedestrian crossings, double yellow lines, or other busy/congested areas. In reality it may be necessary to plan a drop off further away from the college and leaving only a short walk. Please discuss this with drivers who drop off.
- 3) If being collected by car, please arrange a pick up point that is in a safe uncongested area, well away from entrances, pedestrian crossings, double yellow lines, or other busy areas. Again, it is likely that such areas are further from the college, with a short walk being necessary.
- 4) Please consider other drivers, pedestrians and our neighbours at all times when being picked up or dropped off. In particular, please recognise that doing so further from the college is usually necessary to help avoid congestion and associated risks around the entrances and immediate adjoining streets.

I trust that you will understand the reasons for our concerns and will work with us to help us to continue to be a safe college campus, as well as the need to encourage all of our students and their drivers to be respectful towards others within our community when arriving and leaving the college.

Paul Wilson
Principal